

Excellence Together, Learning through Faith.



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Dear Families of Year 5,

Welcome to the Summer term! I'm pleased to be with you this term, even if it is under rather unusual circumstances! While our learning might look a little different at the moment, I know we can all support each other to get through this. Let's hope the weather will be sunny so we can all spend some time outside (while being socially distant of course).

The curriculum this half term will need to be adapted for the current situation, however I have left the curriculum coverage for all the subjects at the end so that you can see what we would be working towards if we were in school. I will try to cover as much as possible in the Home Learning, while also trying to make the most of the unique opportunity that home learning presents to cover areas in the curriculum that may be less practical in school.

The school theme this half term is 'Into the Wild'. Learning will be linked to the theme wherever possible although some subjects and skills may need to be looked at separately. In English, we will be reading the "Just So Stories" by Rudyard Kipling. We will work on comprehension of a classic text, as well as writing in a similar style. Our overall topic is "Darwin and the Galapagos Islands", with our class book "Polar Bear Explorers' Club" loosely linked by way of explorative voyages. Ms Forsyth will also be setting some of the English work this half term. Please remember to keep reading with/to your child as much as you can!

In Maths we will be focusing on consolidating our learning from earlier in the year to solve problems, particularly those applying to units of measure and statistics. Other subjects, including science, will have tasks linked to our topic wherever possible, and I will endeavour to set practical tasks which are exciting for children to do at home. Mrs Archbold will also contribute to French and PSHE lessons.

Please see below for a guide to all the learning we would normally cover this half term.

A REMINDER THAT YOU CAN GET IN TOUCH ANY TIME...

Thank you to everyone who has been in touch through the Year 5 email address (y5@stmarys916.herts.sch.uk). It is great to see what the children have been up to; I especially love seeing the videos and pictures of the children. If you have any questions or worries about the learning, or if there is anything else I can help with please get in touch.

Stay home and stay safe,
N. Ridout

An overview of learning for this half term in Year 5

<p align="center">Understanding English, Communication and languages (Speaking & Listening, Reading, Writing, MfL)</p>	<p align="center">Mathematical Understanding</p>	<p align="center">Religious Education</p>
<p>- We will be looking at our “Literary Heritage”, using a classic British text to appreciate and write in the style of a classic author. - Grammar will continue to be taught explicitly by Mrs Forsyth on Fridays, and daily within whole class sessions, small group work with Miss Ridout - French, taught weekly by Mrs Archbold.</p>	<p>The children will to be taught a variety of maths skills in the areas of: - written methods for the four operations. - understanding decimals, percentages and fractions - units of measure including time - presenting and interpreting data</p>	<p>Our value for this term is Love. The children will be learning about the events and meaning of Pentecost, as well as learning about the importance of religious leaders and authority figures in shaping people’s faith and beliefs.</p>
<p align="center">Scientific and Technological Understanding (Science, Design & Technology)</p>	<p align="center">Historical, Geographical and Social Understanding (PSHE, History, Geography)</p>	<p align="center">Computing</p>
<p>In science this term, fitting in with our whole-school and class topics, we will be studying human and animal life. We will look at animal adaptations, teeth, digestion and the life cycles of both plants and animals.</p>	<p>In history and geography, we will be studying the Galapagos Islands, to which Charles Darwin famously travelled. We will study the flora and fauna of the islands, their formation through volcanic activity and their impact on Darwin’s scientific thinking</p>	<p>For our Computing unit this term, we will follow Purple Mash. This half term the unit is “Game Planner”.</p>
<p align="center">Understanding physical development, health and wellbeing. (Physical Education, Personal and Economic Wellbeing)</p>	<p align="center">Understanding the Arts (Art and Design, Music, Drama, Dance)</p>	
<p>PE will continue to be taught by Game On on Thursdays and by Mrs Forsyth on Fridays. PSHE topic is sleep.</p>	<p>Art and Design For art and design this term, we will be using nature to inspire works of art in mixed media.</p>	<p>Music The children will continue to learn the ukulele this term.</p>