



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back, we hope that you all had a restful Easter break. It is hard to believe that this is our final term together in Year 5, the year seems to have flown by so far! We have an action-packed term ahead of us and we will endeavor to prepare the class for Year 6 as we prepare for the important transition.

### **Religion**

This term, we are exploring the big question: why is Easter the most important event in the Church's liturgical year?

We will be learning what happens during the Easter vigil, its symbolism and links to the resurrection. We will explore the Church's belief in eternal life through the Nicene creed and reflect how the Easter Triduum inspire us to change.

After this, we will be deepening our understanding of the story of Pentecost and understand how the disciples were affected by the holy spirit. We will be identifying the meaning of the Universal Church and exploring our role in it.

We continue to learn about Sikhism with a focus on the Langar (free kitchen) and Sewa (selfless service).

### **English**

In our reading sessions this term, we will be finishing Fly Me Home by Polly Ho-Yen. The work so far has been thoughtful and insightful. We will also be reading Malala's Magic Pencil – a book written in the first person from the perspective of Nobel Peace Prize winner, Malala Yousafzai.

Year 5's focus author is Katherine Rundell – she is the author of One Christmas Wish (a beautiful picture book that we read together in Year 3!), Rooftoppers, The Explorer and The Good Thieves as well as many more. Her books are wonderful to read and is a favourite author of mine!

As part of our English lessons, we consolidating all our learning across this year with a focus on securing our understanding of paragraphs and cohesive devices. We will be using The Explorer by Katherine Rundell as a stimuli before becoming journalists reporting about "High-Diving Giraffes". After that, we will be writing biographies inspired by Tim Peake and Sir David Attenborough.

### **Mathematics**

In Maths, we start with a focus on statistics, spending time drawing and interpreting graphs and tables. Following this, lessons will have a geometry focus of shape and position and direction. A secure knowledge of decimals and the conversion of units is imperative for much of this term's learning, so please do support your child with this at home and in 'real-life' mathematical situations.

## Science

This term in science, we will be studying Scientists and inventors. We will learn about how CSI technicians use scientific techniques to analyse evidence and prove or disprove theories. Children will find out about Margaret Hamilton and her invention of the software and computer code that enabled Apollo 11 to go the Moon. Finally, the children will find out about the scientific theories surrounding the construction of Stonehenge. After half term, we will be moving onto Biology. Children will learn about the life cycle of a human being. They will investigate the development of babies and compare the gestation period of humans and other animals. They will learn about the changes experienced during puberty and why these occur. The final investigation will be about the changes to the body as humans get older, as well as comparing the life expectancy of different animals.

## Geography/History

The children will be continuing with the Anglo-Saxon and Viking topic for the first few weeks. We will be focusing on Anglo-Saxon kings and religion as well as taking an in-depth look at the Viking invasion on Britain. In Geography we will be securing the pupils' map work skills, focusing on human and physical features of cities and making comparisons.

## Art

Our first unit is about creating interactive installation structures before exploring bridges. We are finishing the year with computer-aided-design (CAD) to create Cityscapes.

## PE

Our PE sessions continue to be on **Tuesday** and **Friday**. We are fortunate to have the on-site swimming pool again this year - information will be sent on this separately nearer the time. Similarly, sports week is this term and we have lots of exciting activities planned.

## Computing

Mr. O'Connor will be working with our class to enhance their computing skills with activities linked to other curriculum areas. We encourage you to use purple mash at home to consolidate some of the skills they have learnt at school.

## Spanish

Mrs Maloney will continue teaching our Spanish lessons.

## Homework

Homework will continue to be set on a Wednesday and should be handed in by the following Monday.

Homework expectations have not changed:

- Complete homework in pencil or blue ink
- Daily reading
- Spelling practice
- Comprehension/GPS workbook
- Mathematics (this should always be completed in pencil)

Kind Regards,  
Mrs Broadbridge & Mrs Pay