

YEAR 5

YEAR 5'S CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER - AUTUMN 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to OLSJ and the start of a new academic year. I hope everyone had a good break and you are looking forward to a successful and enjoyable year at school.

We have a parents' evening next week and I am looking forward to meeting everyone over the next few weeks. Please find enclosed an outline below of the curriculum your child will be following this term in Year 5.

RE

Our topic this half term is 'Domestic Church-family' with a focus on ourselves. After that we will be moving on to 'Baptism' and then Advent/Christmas and Judaism.

English

We will be reading Michael Morpurgo's 'Friend or Foe' novel set in Britain during WW2. With an initial focus on narrative writing we shall study the book closely, developing our descriptive writing skills. Working on a war novel will also give us an opportunity to improve our letter, poetry and diary writing abilities later in the term.

Maths

Following the curriculum and the 'Rising Stars' programme we will be concentrating on number for the majority of the term. We will initially focus on number and place value problems. A times tables test will be every Friday with a different times table focus each week. Children must practise their times tables every day at home. Mental maths tests will also take place in class four times a week.



ICT

The children will be developing their PowerPoint presentation skills linked to our work on 'Friend or Foe'.

Art

Our Art lessons will be linked to the History topic and children will design and paint different aspects of the war.

History/ Geography

Our topic is World War Two. We will be learning about key historical events and people (as well as discussing the impact it had upon Londoners and the local area.) We will also look at how our country has changed in geography.

Science

Our topic is 'Earth and Space'. We will be looking at the solar system and the planets.

Home Learning is given out twice a week: every Friday to be handed in on Monday and spellings/times tables are handed out every Monday for Friday's test. Occasionally there will be an additional piece of work handed out at the same time as spellings.

P.E is every Monday afternoon with Mr. James and **Swimming** lessons are every Friday morning until the end of the term.



IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS
PLEASE DON'T HESITATE TO ASK.

YOURS SINCERELY,

MR ROOK, YEAR 5 CLASS TEACHER.