

YEAR 5

OUR LADY & ST JOSEPH PRIMARY SCHOOL / AUTUMN TERM CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER

Welcome back!

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a good summer holiday. It has been great to see children so eager to reunite with their friends and get back in the classroom.

Please see below Year 5's curriculum information for this Autumn term.

RE: The topics we will be covering this term are: Domestic Church - Family, Belonging (Baptism & Confirmation) and Judaism. We will be focusing on a variety of inspirational people throughout the term

English: We will be engaging in lots of different genres and writing for different purposes this term, using fiction and non-fiction texts e.g. 'Who Let the Gods Out' by Maz Evans and 'The Promise' by Nicola Davies. This will include the following: research, persuasive writing, letters, explanations and instructions; story genres and poetry. There will be a strong focus on spelling, punctuation and grammar.

Maths: We will be focusing on many key areas this term including: place value, addition/subtraction, arithmetic skills, reasoning and statistics.

Children should practise their times tables every day. They will be tested frequently throughout the week.

Science: Properties and Changes of Materials.

Geography: Changes in Our Local Environment: How is Our Country Changing?

History: (after half term) Ancient Egyptians.

Art and Design: Self-portraits, artwork inspired by Martina Shapiro and Marc Chagall.

ICT: Using the internet to research information, ICT lessons will be linked to our work in other areas of the curriculum.

Spanish: we will be practising asking questions about likes/dislikes (hobbies, sports, school subjects etc.); numbers up to 100 and exploring a Spanish speaking country.

Home learning continues to be given out on Thursday and is due back on Monday.

PE day is on Wednesday with Mr James. Swimming on Fridays.

Your continued support at home is invaluable to help your child's progression. Please encourage your child to engage in a wide variety of high quality texts, including fiction and non-fiction, with particular focus on comprehension. Children should be reading everyday. If you'd like me to recommend some books please do not hesitate to ask. Also, please encourage your child to practise their times tables and spellings daily. At this point in the academic year they should be very confident and fluent in all their times tables.

Thank you for your continued support. Warm wishes,

Ms Ruminska (Year 5 teacher)