

Parent Overview - Year 5
Autumn 2018



This overview provides you with information about what your child will be learning during the Autumn term. In addition, all pupils will continue to learn about the Catholic Virtues and British Values as appropriate throughout the curriculum. If you require any further information, please feel free to contact your child's class teacher. Thank you.

English



This term we will be:

- Reading the texts *Children of Winter* by Berlie Doherty and *Kensuke's Kingdom* by Michael Morpurgo.
- Writing diary entries, stories in the style of the author, letters, recounts and producing book reviews.
- Learning to use adverbs, fronted adverbials, relative pronouns, determiners, and clause types.
- Able to experience a variety of texts through our Guided Reading sessions and have opportunity to develop our comprehension skills.

Maths



This term we will be:

- Practising formal written methods for all four operations.
- Applying our own knowledge to a wide range of problems and investigations.
- Becoming more familiar with angles, measuring them accurately with a protractor.
- Learning how to round larger numbers.
- Learning how to convert between fractions, decimals and percentages.

Religious Education



This term we will be:

- Learning about the topic of creation.
- Exploring the role that religion plays in our family lives and celebrations.
- Finishing the term by looking at Advent.

Science



This term we will be:

- Comparing and grouping materials on the basis of their properties, thinking why certain materials have been chosen. These properties include conductivity, solubility and transparency.
- Exploring how we can separate mixtures using sieving, filtering and evaporation.

Computing



This term we will be:

- Using a range of sources to research.
- Using photo editing software.
- Debugging simple programmes on Scratch.
- Learning how to stay safe online.

Topic

This term our topics are:

What caused the 'Black Death'?

and

How were the pyramids made?

Our first topic, taught up until half term, explores life in 14th century Britain. We will be learning about micro-organisms and how they, alongside 14th century living conditions, caused the plague.

Our second topic, after half term, revolves around the Ancient Egyptians. This topic allows us to explore everyday lives of Egyptians and how they used their knowledge of mathematics and science to build the pyramids.

Other important information

Children will have PE on Tuesdays and Fridays, although their kits should be in school every day.

Homework and spelling activities are given out on a Friday. Homework needs to be handed in on the following Wednesday.

Important dates for the term

Wednesday 12th September: Year 5 Welcome meeting for parents. 3:40pm.

Friday 5th October: Year 5 will lead Harvest mass.

Monday 8th October: Individual and sibling photographs to be taken.

Tuesday 23rd/Thursday 25th October: Parent consultation evening.

Tuesday 18th December: Y4/5/6 visit to theatre.

How to help at home

Please encourage your child to read as much as possible at home. You may also be able to support their learning in Maths by helping them to learn their multiplication tables. If you are able to, encouraging children to complete their homework ready for **Wednesday** is also helpful.