

Parent Overview - Year 5
Spring 2019



This overview provides you with information about what your child will be learning during the Spring 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:

- Producing stories, book reviews, descriptive writing, poetry and predicting the next events in the story. During our grammar, punctuation and spelling lessons we will be learning to use - brackets for parenthesis, noun phrases, relative pronouns and securing knowledge on the use of apostrophes for possession and omission.
- We will read two texts by significant authors - *Treason* by Berlie Doherty and *Stig of the Dump* by Clive King and using these to complete guided reading activities.

Maths



This term we will be:

- Practising formal written methods for all four operations.
- Applying their own knowledge to a wide range of problems and investigations.
- Learning how to convert between a variety of measurements.
- Understanding and investigating the properties of shapes.
- Learning to convert fractions from improper to mixed numbers.
- Learning to multiply fractions by whole numbers.

Religious Education



This term we will be:

- Learning about the topic of Christmas.
- Exploring the role that religion plays in our family lives and celebrations.
- Finishing the term by looking at Baptism, parables and Lent.

Science



This term we will be:

- Exploring the various life cycles of plants and animals, making observations and recording scientifically.
- Comparing and grouping together materials on the basis of their properties.

Computing



This term we will be:

- Using a range of sources to research.
- Debugging simple programmes on Scratch.
- Creating a game using Microsoft PowerPoint.

Topic

This term our topics are:

What kind of man would behead his wife?

and

How has Staffordshire changed over time?

Our 1st topic, which will take us up until half term, is based around Henry VIII. We will look at how the country changed during the Tudor period. In addition to this, we will explore the motivations behind King Henry's unusual choices.

After half term, we will be carrying out case studies into a local area and wider Staffordshire. We will be looking at how our county has changed over the years and what has influenced this change.

Other important information

Children will have swimming on Wednesdays and PE on Fridays.

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

Important dates for the term

Friday 25th January- INSET

Friday 5th February- Year 5 Mass

Saturday 2nd February- Service of Light at 6pm

Tuesday 2nd April- Year 5 cake sale

Thursday 11th April- Y4/5 Easter Assembly

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.