



**Information for Parents – Autumn Term
Year 5**

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English	<u>Reading</u> In the first half term, we will be focusing on comprehension skills, understanding and analysing the text. Children will read across the curriculum, with everyone encouraged to read out loud in front of the class. During Friday's English lesson, we will complete a double page comprehension task, where texts genres and content will be varied, to ensure children have experience of a wide range of texts to develop their reading fluency, vocabulary and comprehension skills. <u>Writing</u> Our first whole class text will be <i>There is a Boy in the Girl's Bathroom</i>. Year 5 will be focusing on building their vocabulary to describe a setting, understand a character's emotions enough to write a diary entry and finish with creating a narrative based on our story. Year 5 will be taught about suspense writing and build up a tool kit to write their own narrative based on the text. In autumn 2, Year 5 will also develop their writing skills by analysing structure and features of different text types before writing their own recounts, newspaper reports, character and setting descriptions and letters from characters' point of views. <u>Spelling</u> We will begin by recapping the spelling rules from the Year 4 curriculum before moving onto focusing on suffixes: '-tious' and '-cious' and '-cial' and '-tial'.
Maths	In Maths, We will start the term looking at Place Value, recognising and ordering numbers through to 1 million. Children will also be recapping and progressing their knowledge on Roman numerals and negative numbers. In Addition and Subtraction, we will revisit formal written methods of addition and subtraction using four digit numbers. Children will also be learning how to round increasingly larger numbers and complete multi- step problems. Children will recap and build on their multiplication and division skills learning to use formal written methods of multiplication. Children will recap multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1000 and will be introduced to prime, square and cube numbers before beginning to recognise common factors.
Science	Forces is our first Science topic. Children will explore forces make objects start moving, stop moving, speed up, slow down or change direction. To explain that objects fall towards the Earth because of the force of gravity. To know that Air Resistance is the force that slows down objects that move through air. To know that Water Resistance is a force that slows down objects moving through water and know that Friction is a force against motion caused by two surfaces rubbing against each other. After the half-term break, Year 5 Earth and Space is our next Science topic. Children will

	learn about the movement of the Earth and other planets relative to the sun and explain the movement of the moon relative to the Earth. Children will be able to demonstrate how night and day are created and describe the sun, Earth and moon (using the term spherical). Children will also be taught general information about the planets and know that Neil Armstrong was the first man to step on the moon.
RE	In RE this term we will be starting with our Caritas in Action unit 'Family and Community' and the building of a community - both in locality but building through God's kingdom. We will then learn about our first topic 'The Domestic Church' through which children will explore their answers to our big questions: Who am I? What makes me unique? Where do I come from? Children will then continue to learn about the Sacraments, considering life choices and marriage commitment and service. Year 5 will explore how people show care and commitment and learn about the call to life and love within the community. In addition to this, Year 5 will also learn about Judaism, learning about the Jewish festival of 'Yom Kippur' and identify links between Christianity and Judaism. The end of autumn term brings Advent and Christmas where we begin to prepare in joyful hope for Jesus' birth. Children will learn about how Advent is the Church's season of waiting and about the importance for Christians.
History	Our history topic in autumn will be The Anglo-Saxons. We will be looking at Anglo-Saxon Britain; this will include where they originated from, how they shaped modern day Britain and comparing the two periods, invasions, their art and culture, what life in Anglo-Saxon Britain was like and how we know about the Anglo-Saxons from archeological evidence.
D&T	In design and technology, Year 5 will be designing and assembling a theatre involving pulleys to open and close areas of the stage, choosing appropriate materials to make their theatre and ensure it is functional.
Art	Throughout Art, we will be developing our sketching skills using tone. We will be exploring drawing 2D shapes and using taught skills to draw 3D skills. Our final piece of Building / Architecture will be inspired by LS Lowry.
PE	In the autumn term, we will focus on developing Speed, Agility and Quickness (SAQs) and Agility, Balance and Co-ordination (ABCs) through different skill based activities and games. As we move into Autumn 2, we will focus on Netball and Hockey developing our sport-specific skills but also gameplay and tactics.
Music	This term in music, children will explore the song 'Rocking Around The World'. We want our children to know... Rock music is characterised by its simple time, verse-chorus structure and use of electronic (often distorted) instruments. Through continued work on vocal skill, children will perform singing a rock song to an audience in 2 parts.
French	In French the children will be learning the vocabulary associated with school life and telling the time. They will move onto the world of work and learn words and phrases used in our daily routine.