



Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Primary School

Autumn 2016

Class Newsletter

Year 5

Class Teacher: Mrs Greatrex

Dear Parents

Although it may feel like a long time ago now, I hope you had a wonderfully exciting summer and a refreshing break to recharge your batteries. Welcome back to everyone involved with Year 5. As the children start to settle, I look forward to your support for the class routines in what is another important year. Hopefully the children will take on their new roles in the Upper Juniors with pride.



Attendance and punctuality are vitally important as pupils often have responsibilities before the 8.55 am bell each morning in which they take great pride. If work is missed it is not always possible to cover it again during the year. For these reasons, please ensure your child has excellent attendance and punctuality at all times.

Year 5 Autumn Term Diary Dates:

Tues 27th September - Yr 5 Inspire Workshop

Wed 12th October — Harvest Service led by Yr 5

Religious Education

Year 5 will be following the Diocese Curriculum which includes units for this term on Creation, Miracles, The Sacrament of the Sick and Advent. The children will be asked to volunteer to read at the 11.00 am family Mass on Sunday at Our Lady of Fatima Church. This is an excellent way for the children to serve their community and develop their faith. Our new priest Father Craig will be delighted to see them.

Our class Prayer Bags will be sent home again this term. They have new activities for you to experience together as a family. Please take the time to give them the care and reverence they deserve.

Year 5's Class Saint this year will be the newly canonised— **St Teresa of Calcutta**



English

Reading is so important - I cannot stress this enough.



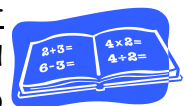
We have an extensive selection of books available in school and each child takes responsibility for choosing a free reading book to enjoy at their leisure. Group reading continues regularly both for homework and in class. Please encourage it at any opportunity. Your child is expected to read for **at least 15 minutes** at home each day. It is most beneficial progress-wise if books are read aloud to an adult. Please sign their reading record daily. The children will also be able to choose a book from the school library regularly; these books should be returned to school as soon as they are finished.

Our writing for the term will include: historical stories, stories with flashbacks, dialogue poems, chronological reports, significant authors and free form poems.

Spelling and handwriting are very important so please ensure that your child completes written homework tasks to the best of his / her ability and presents it appropriately.

Maths Each child must know by heart

their times tables up to 12 X 12 and addition bonds to 100. Please keep practising these in order to keep recall sharp. Written methods of calculation will be revisited throughout the term. Year 5 are expected to use and apply this knowledge in problem solving situations. Topics for the term include: place value, ordering numbers, rounding, multiplication, division, fractions, decimals and percentages. Historically, fractions have always proved problematic as the expectations in Year 5 have changed—any additional practise in this area will be most beneficial.



Science: Topics for this term include: 'Animals, including Humans' and 'Living Things and their Habitats'. Occasionally Science homework will be set, some of which will be written and some will ask for simple investigations to be set up at home which require on-going observations. We do ask you to support your child with these. Emphasis will be placed on using and applying scientific knowledge.



newsletter in a variety of subjects.



Homework: will be given throughout the week and will be recorded in homework books. Please read through what is expected each night. Homework rules are printed in the front of this book. Please encourage a conscientious approach at all times.

Creative Curriculum

We have adopted a whole school approach to the Creative Curriculum with emphasis on different foundation subjects each term. This allows us to deliver the full curriculum throughout the year and show relevant progression for each subject.

Year 5 will cover the following topics this term:

- Controllable Vehicles - Design Technology focus
- Myths & Legends of Ancient Greece - History focus

Year 5 will also take part in the Hagley Pyramid Music Concert on Thursday 16th February 2017, at Birmingham Town Hall. More details will follow after Christmas.

Computing and ICT

We have regular access to the ICT suite where we will continue developing word processing skills along with using the internet to search large databases. The children will learn to interpret and communicate information in a variety of ways. They will also learn to use Rapid Router which is a fun, engaging educational resource and coding game that helps teach children the basic principles of programming. Please ensure that your child uses the internet safely at home, following e-safety guidelines.



P.E. Please insist on correct PE kit – navy shorts, white T-shirt and pumps. For outdoor PE a plain tracksuit and/or OLOF hoodie, trainers when playing football. Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school at all times.

Thursdays On Thursdays the children will be taught by Mr O'Connor. They will cover work outlined in this

Home time arrangements:

Children in Year 5 are dismissed at 3.30 p.m. by the class teacher. Those with siblings in the infants walk around to meet their parents in the infant playground. The rest of the class are dismissed to their parents on the junior playground. If there are any changes to this routine please let me know in writing and keep me updated of any changes.

Thank you in anticipation of your continued support during this year. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like to discuss any aspect of 'school life'.

Kind regards

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