



Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Primary School

Spring 2017

Year 5 Class Newsletter

Class Teacher: Mrs Greatrex

Dear Parents

Welcome back to a new school term. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your generosity and kind wishes at Christmas and to wish you all a very Happy New Year.

As the children settle back to work after their Christmas break, I hope to encourage you to continue supporting your child in what is another important and exciting term as Upper Juniors.

Hagley Pyramid Evening Concert:



The children have been working really hard in preparation for the concert at Birmingham Town Hall and it has been pleasing to see how enthusiastically they have been rehearsing. They will be performing at: 7 p.m. on Thursday

16th February.

Tickets are available from the school office priced at £8 each. It would be great to see as many parents, relatives and friends as possible supporting the children on the night.

Religious Education:



During this term Year 5 will be covering the final part of the Christmas Unit, Baptism and Lent. In the lead up to Easter they will focus on learning about the sacrifices that Jesus made for us and the reasons which motivate Christians to live more like Christ. This is a time for Year 5 to complete the 'Laudato Si' challenge and to think about others and what we can do for them.

Additionally, Father Craig is always pleased to see the children at Mass on Sunday. The family Mass at 11 o'clock is particularly suitable for children. Please encourage your child to volunteer to read at Mass when it is Year 5's turn.

Literacy:

This term Year 5 will cover a varied programme which will include Reading, Writing, EGPS (English Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling) and Speaking/Listening. The

children will cover the following units:

- ◆ Significant Authors
- ◆ Persuasive writing
- ◆ Chronological reports including recounts
- ◆ Classic Poems



Important grammar, sentence and punctuation skills will also be taught, such as developing understanding and use of active, passive and modal verbs, as well as the function of hyphens, commas and bullet points.



Reading is so important and continues regularly both for homework and in class. Please encourage your child to read at any opportunity, and to read out loud to an adult if possible.

Maths:

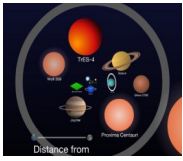
In Maths this term the focus will be on the following:

- ◆ Using and applying maths skills
- ◆ Finding equivalent fractions, decimals and percentages
- ◆ Converting improper fractions and mixed numbers
- ◆ Developing understanding of decimal numbers, recognising the value of the digits.
- ◆ Consolidating and developing written and mental methods for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division
- ◆ Understanding and solving multiplication and division problems
- ◆ Solving problems involving angles, rectangles and polygons



Science:

Topics for this term include:



Earth and Space

Forces

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.

Computing

In Computing the children will begin using Rapid Router which is a fun, engaging educational resource and coding game that helps teach children the basic principles of programming.

The children will also have access to school based homework activities on-line, which will be updated regularly. Please ensure that your child uses the internet safely at home, following e-safety guidelines. Further information is available on the school's website: www.olfatima.bham.sch.uk

Creative Curriculum: WATER – People in Action.



Year 5's focus will be Art, particularly drawing skills. The class will learn how to draw and sketch cartoons, illustrations and realistic drawings of figures during

motion and movement, such as when people are walking, swimming or running.

P.E. The school PE kit is navy shorts, white T-shirt and pumps. For outdoor PE and cold weather a plain tracksuit and trainers may be worn. This term Year 5 will swim on Friday afternoons; please encourage the children to remember and organise their own kits on a Thursday evening to save the office staff additional work.

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 good presentation, and a conscientious approach at all times. Thank you for the continued support provided in this area.

All of Year 5 will be expected to write fluently in pen during this term and so every child will need a good fountain pen with spare cartridges. We recommend a Parker Vector with a medium nib and blue ink. (The cheapest shop we have sourced them is Wilkinson's). Children who have had difficulty with presentation will be set extra handwriting practice as homework.

Attendance:

Year 5 were runners up last term with a really good attendance of **97.5%**



Well done everyone!

We will be aiming to go one better this term so please encourage your child to attend every day and be on time, ready to begin lessons at 8.55 a.m.

Thursdays



This term Miss Fayne will teach Year 5 on Thursdays.

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.

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

Mrs C Greatrex