



# Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Primary School

Spring 2018

Year 5 Class Newsletter

Class Teacher: Mr T Smith

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 15th February.**

Tickets are available from the school office priced at £10 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, the Parables of Jesus 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 consider the 'Laudato Si' challenge as encouraged by Pope Francis and to think about others and what we can do for them.

Additionally, Father Craig is always pleased to see the children at Mass during the weekend. 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:



- ◆ Warning Stories
- ◆ 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, reading out loud to an adult as much as possible.

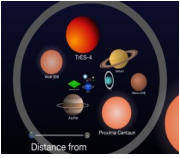
### Maths:

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:

Forces and Properties and Materials

Year 5 will be completing learning about Earth and Space over the next week and will then begin looking at Forces, followed by Properties and Materials .

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 complete coding activities during their Game Creator unit of work. The unit is a fun, engaging way of using coding games that helps teach children the basic principles of programming and coding.

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](http://www.olfatima.bham.sch.uk)

## Creative Curriculum: Leaders



Year 5's focus will be geographical, specifically looking at North America and the landscape of the continent. They will also investigate

every day American leaders who impact the lives of the average citizen in North American countries.

## P.E.

A reminder that 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 Thursday mornings; please encourage the children to remember and organise their own kits on a Wednesday evening to save the office staff additional work.

**Homework:** will be given on a **Monday** and will be due in on the **Friday of the same week**. Please read

through what is expected each night. Please encourage good presentation, and a conscientious approach at all times. Thank you for the continued support provided in this area.

Spellings will be given for the whole term, and will be included in the homework.

All of Year 5 are working towards writing fluently in pen and so every child will need to be thinking about purchasing 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 joint third alongside Year 4 in the Autumn term, with a really good attendance of **97.4%**.

Well done everyone!

We will be aiming to be first this term, so please encourage your child to attend school and be punctual every day, ready to begin lessons at 8.55 a.m.

## 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

Mr Smith