



Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Primary School

Year 5 Class Newsletter Summer 2018

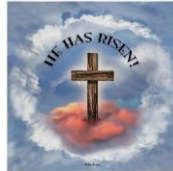
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Dear Parents

I hope you enjoyed the Easter break and that you and your children are looking forward to the summer term. It is strange to think that I am moving into the final term of my first year of teaching at Our Lady of Fatima School. I thank you all for the support you have provided this year, it is greatly appreciated.

Religious Education

In RE this term Year 5 will continue our study of the events that occurred at Easter. This will then link into Pentecost, the work of the Apostles, Marriage and Holy Order. If the children complete any further research at home, they are more than welcome to bring it in and share it with the class.



Father Craig is always pleased to see the children at Mass on Saturday evening or on Sundays. Please encourage your child to volunteer to read at Mass when it is Year 5's turn.

Mathematics

This term the focus will be on the following:

- Decimals
- Revision of Geometry- Properties of Shape
- Position and direction.
- Converting units

- Measuring volume
- Consolidation of addition and subtraction questions
- Solving problems involving measures, including area and perimeter



The class will continue with the '99 club' times table work. This tests the speed at which the children can recall times table facts, so please continue to practise with your child at home.

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 learn about a number of writing genres including:

- Instructions
- Poetry
- Information Texts
- Play scripts

The children will benefit from finding and reading examples of such texts beforehand and can use this reading as part of their set homework each week. Within these lessons important grammar, sentence and punctuation skills will be taught, such as developing an understanding of brackets, dashes and commas to clarify meaning, the function of semi- colons and colons, and embedded clauses. Further work covered will include an introduction of different verbs tenses and forms.

Science

Topics for this term include:



- **Forces:** completing the topic by investigating pulley and lever systems.
- **Properties of materials and change:** investigating how materials change state and react within different environments.

Computing

In Computing the children will continue to look at aspects of 3-D modeling to further develop the basic skills of computer design.

The children will also have access to school based homework activities online, specifically Purple Mash, which will be updated regularly. Please ensure that your child uses the internet safely at home, following e-safety guidelines.

Creative Curriculum



The focus this half term will be 'Sport and Leisure- Teamwork' and after half term 'Beside the Seaside'. Year 5 will cover an artistic focus for this half term, focusing on

developing sketching and drawing skills and applying them to a sporting context.

P.E



Year 5 will have PE every week and must have their kit in school at all times as we need to be flexible with the hall timetable. As the weather improves some of these lessons will

take place outside. Please ensure that your child has the expected PE uniform – navy shorts, white T-shirt and pumps.

All children will need a refillable water bottle and when we are working outside, an approved school hat, available from the school office.

Homework

Homework will be given on Mondays, to be completed and returned by Friday. Please read

through what is expected with your child and encourage good presentation and a conscientious approach at all times. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

Safety

This term Year 5 will be participating in the West Midlands Fire Safety Challenge. The first part of the challenge is completed online. However, if successful we will need to choose a team of six pupils to represent Our Lady of Fatima against other primary schools.

Additionally, your child will have the opportunity to take part in Stage One and Two Bikeability. More details to follow.

Pen Licence

With about a third of the class now writing with a fountain pen, the main aim this term will be to ensure that all pupils will be writing with a fountain pen by the end of year 5. Children will be moving onto pen once their writing is consistently fluid and legible in all types of writing, including homework. So please do make sure your child has a fountain pen ready and waiting for when they are given the green light!

Attendance

Year 5 will be aiming to win the attendance trophy this term. Last half term they were joint third with an attendance of 96.6% which is good, but can still be improved upon, so please encourage your child to attend school on time, every day, ready to learn with all the correct equipment, resources and attitude.

Queries/Concerns

If at any point you have any concerns or questions please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Thank you in anticipation of your continued support during this final summer term.

Kind regards

Mr T Smith

