



YEAR 5
Spring 2018

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Happy New Year! I hope you had a lovely Christmas break and enjoyed the rest. The children worked extremely hard last term and I hope this will continue this term. I was very proud of the empathy that the children showed towards refugees. They raised over £200, which was fantastic. Thank you for your support with this.

Here is an overview of what we will be learning at school during the Spring term:

R.E.	ENGLISH	MATHS
<p><u>Revelation</u> * Know the role of John the Baptist in the revelation of Jesus as the Son of God. * Make links between our baptism and the baptism of Jesus, plus how the promises of baptism reveal God at work.</p> <p><u>Other Faiths (Judaism)</u> * The importance of the Torah and prayer to Jews. * Jewish festivals</p> <p><u>Lent</u> * Know some of the teachings of the apostles that help us to become more like Jesus and overcome temptation. * To understand teachings that are important to Christians today.</p> <p><u>Holy Week</u> * To identify the significance of the story of the driving of the traders from the temple in Jerusalem.</p>	<p>We be finishing our work on Running Wild, by Michael Morpurgo.</p> <p>We will also be looking at balanced arguments and explanations, as well as story writing.</p> <p>Our main focus in writing will be punctuation, ensuring the children can consistently punctuate their work correctly. We will be learning more advanced punctuation, including semi-colons, dashes and parenthesis (brackets). Whilst the children are reading, please encourage them to look out for these types of punctuation and why they are being used.</p> <p>We will be doing reading comprehensions and other reading skills at least twice a week.</p> <p>Also, there will be a big focus on SPAG.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Multiplication and division facts up to 12 x 12 (ongoing throughout the year) * Decimals – converting fractions to decimals, adding decimals, ordering decimals and rounding decimals. * Measuring and comparing angles using a protractor. * Regular and irregular 2D shapes and their properties * 3D shapes * Translations and reflections * Converting metric units for weight, length and capacity. * Area and perimeter * Problem solving involving all of the above areas of maths <p>Weekly mental maths and times tables tests.</p> <p>We will continue with our weekly arithmetic, which focuses on column addition and subtraction, written method for multiplication and division, adding and subtracting fractions, fractions of numbers and multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1000.</p>

SCIENCE	P.E.	HISTORY	I.C.T
Fossils Space	Handball Athletics Gymnastics	Ancient Greece	Planning a webpage Internet Safety. Geometry and art

P. E. - This will normally take place on Monday and Wednesday. Please ensure that P.E kit is in school every day as it may be required for additional games activities and that all their kit is named. As it cold, please provide your child with a jumper and trousers for PE. The children must have trainers or plimsolls in school every day.

Reading – The children should be reading for 20 minutes a night and recording their reading on their bookmarks. Once they have completed a bookmark, they need to collect a new one. Their bookmarks are monitored in school. It is vital that the children read, and read a wide variety of books, as they pick up new vocabulary and it helps greatly with their writing.

Homework – Homework will continue to be set twice a week and should usually take your child between 30-45 minutes to complete. It is important that the children are organised in handing it in on time, as if they do not hand it in, they will be completing the homework in their lunchtime. They have been very good at handing it in so far! Homework will be set on the following days:

Tuesday – English, which is due in the following Monday.

Friday – Maths, which is due in the following Thursday.

Spelling – Just like last term, the children will be sent home a list with all of their weekly spellings for the half-term. It is really important that the children learn their spellings each week. The children will be re-tested on their spellings if they get 6 or below in the test. At the end of each half-term, I will be giving the children a test with a mixture of all of their spellings.

Singing – For the last few years, Year 5 have received singing lessons, along with other primary schools in Christchurch. This ends with a concert in The Priory. We will starting singing this month. I will let you know when I receive more information about this.

Coats - Whilst the weather is still cold and wet, please ensure that the children come to school each day with a coat. All hats, gloves and scarves, as well as their coat, should be labelled with your child's name.

Assembly - Year 5's class assembly will be on Friday 26th January at 2.30pm. You are more than welcome to come along and join us.

School trip – As you are already aware, we will be going to Leeson House for a 3 day, 2 night residential from the **Wednesday 16th – Friday 18th May 2018.** Later on in the term, I will be holding a parents meeting about the trip. A letter with more details on will go out nearer the time. In the meantime, if you have any questions regarding the trip, please ask.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any concerns or queries regarding your child. I look forward to seeing you all again at parents evening in March.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Thomas