



Autumn Term

Class 5 Newsletter

Dear parent/ carers,

Welcome to Class 5. I hope you all enjoyed your summer holidays and have come back refreshed. For some of your children, this will be their final year at Saint Godric's School and we hope to make this year extra special for them. We have a lot of exciting things planned this term. I look forward to getting together with you during the parents' evening later on this term so that we can work collaboratively on ensuring that your children make the best progress. It is only when working in partnership with home that we can make certain that your child is achieving their potential. If you have any queries or concerns before then, my door is always open.

Important Information

Homework

The school policy states that two hours of homework is to be given out each week. It is school expectation that children will complete this at home during the week. Homework will be given on a **Monday** and shall be returned on a **Friday** completed. It will consist of a sheet of spellings, maths work and the expectation that children will read at home. In addition to this it is expected that children will be practising their times tables as rapid recall is a crucial skill if they want to master the harder mathematical concepts.

P.E

P.E will be on **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays**. Please encourage your children to ensure they have all of the necessary items they need, including appropriate footwear for both indoors and outdoors. The main focuses of this term are netball and dance. There will also be a wide variety of after school clubs opportunities, including cross country training - with opportunities to compete against other schools. The children of class 5 will also be offered to participate in a netball tournament in the autumn half term.

Music

This term we will be focussing on a series of ten pieces that the BBC recommend every child should know.

This will cover a wide range of repertoire. The children will learn to listen to music and use appropriate language to describe it. They will also be learning how to notate simple motifs and create simple pieces based upon the music we are studying. Brass and Guitar will continue as usual on a Wednesday. Please ensure that your child brings their instruments on the correct day and takes them home to practise.

Science

The topics for this term are electricity and space. We be recapping on how to make circuits, draw circuit diagrams and how to use programming to link circuits and a movable objects. Within space, we will be looking at the movement of the sun and the moon in relation to earth.

Literacy

In literacy, we shall be studying and creating a variety of text forms, including narrative, biographies and autobiographies, poetry, letters and journalistic writing. We will be linking it to this term's text: Wind in the Willows. Writing is something that we would love to be encouraged more at home.

In light of the new National Curriculum, we will be doing more focussed work on grammar and spelling, hopefully moving to more complex rules and patterns in the latter part of the term.

Comprehension skills will still be a main focus this term. Please continue to read to your child regularly.

Maths

During this term, our main focus will be number skills and ensuring that all children have the basic maths facts needed to deal with more complex mathematical concepts. The children will be grouped appropriately according to where they were assessed in terms of the new related expectations for each year group.

We will be practising SATS on a regular basis to ensure the children are comfortable with testing procedures and formats. Please encourage your child to practise times tables and basic facts regularly - especially telling

Modern Languages

We are very fortunate to have Miss Duggan, a language teacher from St Bede's Secondary School, teaching KS2 Spanish again this year.

R.E.

Our topics for this term are: Ourselves, Life Choices, Hope and Advent. We will also be having our week of Judaism, which will include an educational visit to a synagogue. As child led worship is encouraged in KS2, it would be wonderful if you could encourage your children to talk about their faith at home and let them explore their ideas. Sharing your faith is one of the most beautiful things you can do with your child - it helps them on their journey towards being closer to God and being a light to the rest of the world.

History:

We will be looking at the chronological order of British history, looking at what happened to Britain after the Roman Invasion. We will primarily focussing on the Saxons and their struggle to maintain control over Britain.

Computing

The children will be developing a wide range of computing skills this year - being introduced to basic programming, spreadsheets and using the internet in an effective and safe manner. We will also cover different aspects of e-safety.

Art and Design

Within art, we will be focussing on some of the great artists, learning about their art style and creating our own art pieces using the skills we have learnt during our studies.

Design Technology

Within DT, we will be looking at creating structures with movable parts and will also be doing some food technology.

Geography

We will be looking at the geography of British Regions, how they changed over time and prominent natural and manmade features of the British Isles, including major rivers.