



# 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 your children. 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.

Miss Horner

### Important Information

#### English

We will be using traditional fairy tales as a stimulus for our writing activities this term. We aim to cover a variety of texts, including news reports, story writing and argument writing.

There will also be a stronger emphasis on English skills, including handwriting and grammar.

Reading is also being highlighted more within the new national curriculum - especially reading aloud. As a result, we will be focussing on presentation skills and performance of poetry this term.

#### Maths

During this term we will cover all aspects of mathematics, in line with the new National Curriculum. We will be paying special attention to our basic facts, including multiplication and division, to ensure that your child has the foundation to tackle harder concepts. We will continue to deliver maths across the curriculum so that your children are exposed to maths within a context.

We will also be practising SATS on a regular basis throughout the year to ensure the children are comfortable with testing procedures and formats.

#### Homework

Homework will be given once a week and is expected to be handed in completed on a Friday. This will include spellings, maths, writing and reading. It is expected that children will be reading **most days**- out loud, when possible. I plan homework during the week as I believe weekends should be for making memorable moments with your families.

It would be wonderful if the children could practise times tables, as we will be working on rapid recall and it is essential that they know them inside out in order to access the harder concepts.


I try to cater the homework activities to your child's ability, however, if you feel that it is too challenging, or too easy, please feel free to come and see me.

I thank you in advance for all the hard work you will put into helping your child with their homework.

#### P.E

P.E will be on Tuesdays and Fridays. Please ensure that your children have the correct P.E kit stipulated in the uniform policy. Can you please ensure that their uniforms are labelled and that this does not wash off over time.

The focus this term will be basketball and dance.





# Learning web

## History

We will be looking at the chronological order of time periods and creating a time line to represent this.

We will be also looking at ancient history, how civilisations were established and how their lives differed from ours today.

## Geography

We will be developing our own knowledge of maps, including how to identify features using a key; world Geography; and looking at some human and physical geographical features of major cities over a span of different continents.

## Art

This term, we will be focussing on our basic art skills of drawing and colour using a variety of stimuli including Pablo Picasso.

## Music

Brass will now be on a Wednesday so please ensure that your child brings their instrument.

We will also be looking at group performance with voice and instruments and learning about how to read simple notation and identify the time signature of a song.

## Modern Foreign Languages

We will continue to study Spanish as our main language and will be covering a range of basic conversational phrases, with opportunities to progress to writing.

## Computing

As technologies advance, it is essential that children are properly educated in using them in a safe manner. As this is so, we will be having a focus on e-safety this term.

We will also be using rapid router, which is a programming software that provides the children with progressive activities that eventually lead to python programming language.

## R.E.

Our topics for this term are:  
Domestic church: family/loving  
Baptism/ Confirmation: vocations  
Advent/ Christmas: Loving, expectations.

It would be wonderful if you could encourage your children to talk about their faith at home and let them explore their ideas.

Last year, we were very lucky to have Mrs Wilson come in a deliver the Mini Vinnies programme. This will be continuing again this year and will be on a Tuesday after school.

As we had such a great response last year, we will be sending home the Advent bags again. There will also be the annual carol concert. It is an expectation that all children are to be involved in this.

## Science

This term we will be studying materials. We will be identifying the states of matter and how this changes due to the application of energy. We will look at a variety of different energy sources and discuss whether the change is reversible or irreversible.

## DT

This term, we will be linking our DT to our writing topic and our materials topic. We will be focussing on textiles and creating our own puppets to use in order to do a performance of a twisted version of a fairy tale, retold by the children themselves.

