



Welcome back Class 5. I hope you all had a lovely, refreshing Easter holiday and are ready for a jam-packed term! Things are about to get serious this term with SATS just around the corner - don't worry too much! I'm trying to make this as stress free as possible- keeping up with the good work that you have already been doing is all I ask of you.

Parents, if you have any queries or concerns or would like to help out in class then please feel free to come and speak to me!

Important Information: SATS week commences on 9th May.

Homework

Please continue to support your children at home with their homework and their reading. It is only through our collaborative efforts that your child will achieve their full potential.

For the time being, Year 5 will be given a project as part of their homework, whilst Year 6 will be continuing with their revision pack.

After SATS, homework will become more project based with a focus on writing linked to areas of interest for the children.

Maths

This term there will be a focus on application of skills as this is an area of weakness for most children. If you could encourage the use of mathematical vocabulary at home this would be an advantage.

In order to be at expected standard, children must know their times tables and their corresponding divides and other basic facts such as converting measures. These skills are required in order to do more complex ideas such as fractions and interpreting pie charts. Please practise these at home on a regular basis.

Literacy

As SATS are just around the corner, our timetable this term will predominantly be focussing on literacy skills.

We still need to boost our writing and reading and I appreciate the time and effort of parents and children during this time. We will be doing a variety of writing tasks further into the term, including a focus on writing arguments.

Also, with the new Grammar test being more difficult this year, we will be doing some very focused work on spelling and grammar. It would be really fantastic if you could correct your children when they say things that are grammatically incorrect, for example, I done it should be I did it, and the correct use of the words me and I.

Computing

Our focus for I.C.T this term will be developing a wide range of skills including multimedia presentations and controlling devices using programming skills.

This will be linked with our topic for the term.

We will also be looking at using the internet safely.

Geography

We will be looking at different geographical elements and the differing habitats around the world, including a focus on South America.

MFL

Miss Dougan will continue to deliver a Spanish programme to the children on a fortnightly basis once SATS have been administered.

R.E.

As this is the Year of Mercy, we will be doing a themed week focussed on this and small activities throughout the term. Why not ask your child about mercy?

Our topics for this term are:

Transforming – looking at how the Holy Spirit can transform our lives and that of others.

Freedom and Responsibility and Stewardship: Looking at how we are responsible for our actions and for taking care of the world.

We will also be doing a study into Islam, drawing up similarities and differences and looking at how we can be united in our current climate.

Art and Design

Our focus this term is sculpture using clay and other mediums.

History:

We will be looking at how the British monarchy has changed over time and draw conclusions as to who we think the greatest monarch was and why.

Music

Guitar and brass will continue as usual so please ensure that your child brings their instrument.

We will also be practising a performance for the **Big Sing** with the intention of performing it in a showcase at the end of the academic year and joining in a sing-along session at the Sage.

Science

The topic will be focussing on living processes, including adaptation, evolution, food chains and different animal classes. We will be going on a educational visit to the Hancock Museum in order to fully appreciate the passing of time and evolution.

We will also be looking at space, as this is the theme of the Big Sing this year.

P.E

P.E will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please ensure that your child has the necessary items they need, including outdoor footwear.

This term we will be focussing on athletics and cricket with opportunities to participate in competition events.

If you have any expertise that you would like to share with the class, or would just like to volunteer in Class 5, please contact Miss Horner. We are always grateful for an extra pair of hands - or ears!