



Autumn Term

Class 5 Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Class 5! I hope you are not missing the summer too much and are ready for the new school year. For some of your children this will be their final year here at St. Godric's so we hope to make this a memorable time for them. We have a lot of exciting things planned this term and lots of dates for your diary already. I look forward to meeting you at the Meet the teacher evening and again at Parents' Evening later in the term to discuss how we can work together to ensure your children make the best progress possible. If you have any queries or concerns before then my door is always open.

Miss Evans

Important Information

English

We will be reading and using extracts and novels from Victorian literature as a stimulus for our own writing. We aim to cover a variety of texts, including story writing, poetry and news reports.

There will be a strong emphasis on writing skills such as spelling and grammar. This is not limited to English lessons and will be covered in every subject.

Reading is a huge aspect of English and is becoming increasingly important in SATs. Our class novel for this half term is *The Princess and the Goblin* by George MacDonald.

Homework

Homework will be given once a week and is expected to be handed in completed on a Friday. This will include writing, reading, maths and topic work. It is expected that children will be reading *most days*—out loud when possible. Children should also be making their own

Spellings will be given out on a Wednesday and looked at the next week.

Rapid recall is becoming an essential requirement in maths so please practise multiplication and division facts as often as possible.

Maths

This term we will cover most aspects of mathematics but will pay particular attention to basic skills, including place value, addition, subtraction, multiplication and division facts. This is to ensure that we have a good foundation for when we come to tackle the harder concepts.

We are going to focus particularly on our reasoning and problem solving skills, which will be addressed across the curriculum.

P.E.

Our PE sessions will be on *Mondays* and *Tuesdays*. Please ensure your children have the correct PE kit stipulated in the uniform policy and that it is clearly named to avoid any upset.

Our focus this term is on practising and developing the basic skills of speed, agility and quickness.



Article 28: Every child has the right to an education





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History

This term we will be looking at the history of mining in our local area and in Britain as a whole. We will be researching how the mining industry has changed and the impact it has had on our community, past and present.

If you have family members connected to the mines here or elsewhere, please talk and share their stories with your children. It would be wonderful to have personal connections to this topic and it makes the learning much more meaningful.

Geography

We will be studying the local landscape by developing and using our map reading skills. We will be identifying local features and the changes in the human and physical geography of pit towns and villages.

Art

This term we will be focusing on the work of Norman Cornish, a local pit painter from Spennymoor. This will include analysing his paintings and developing our own sketching skills.

Science

We will be exploring different forces until half term and then exploring the qualities of light. We will be looking at the ways of transporting great mass with the least amount of effort. Then we will be studying how light travels and how this is connected to the invention of the Davy lamp.

Modern Foreign Language

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.

Music

Brass will now be on *Mondays* so please ensure your child brings their instrument.

We will also be looking at traditional folk songs that come from mining communities and performing with voice and instruments.

Computing

Computing is an essential skill across the curriculum so we will be using a variety of programmes in other subjects, including iPad apps such as PicCollage and Microsoft Office on laptops.

We will also begin to use software to look specifically at creating our own algorithms and using programming language.

There will also be a continued focus on using technology safely.

R.E.

Our topics for this term are:
Domestic Church– family: Ourselves
Baptism/Confirmation– belonging: Life Choices
Advent/Christmas– loving: Hope

It would be wonderful if you could give as much opportunity to allow your children to talk and explore their own faith at home as possible.

We will also be giving children the opportunity to plan and lead collective worship in the classroom and in whole school assemblies.



Article 29: Education should develop each child's personality, talents and abilities to the fullest.

