

Y5 ADVENT

newsletter

We hope you all had a fantastic summer and a restful break. We are very much looking forward to teaching you this year and have lots of exciting things planned!

PE AND FOREST SCHOOL

This year, in week 1, we will have PE on a Wednesday (Miss Gibbens) and Forest School on Thursday (Mrs Hudson). Week 2, will be PE on a Thursday (Mr Wooley) and no Forest School.

Advent 1

11/9/24 - PE (Miss Gibbens)

12/9/24 - Forest School (Mrs Hudson)

19/9/24 - PE (Mr Wooley)

25/9/24 - PE (Miss Gibbens)

26/9/24 - Forest School (Mrs Hudson)

3/10/24 - PE (Mr Wooley)

9/10/24 - PE (Miss Gibbens)

10/10/24 - Forest School (Mrs Hudson)

17/10/24 - PE (Mr Wooley)

Advent 2

6/11/24 - PE (Miss Gibbens)

7/11/24 - Forest School (Mrs Hudson)

14/11/24 - PE (Mr Wooley)

20/11/24 - PE (Miss Gibbens)

21/11/24 - Forest School (Mrs Hudson)

28/11/24 - PE (Mr Wooley)

4/12/24 - PE (Miss Gibbens)

5/12/24 - Forest School (Mrs Hudson)

12/12/24 - PE (Mr Wooley)

18/12/24 - PE (Miss Gibbens)

19/12/24 - Forest School (Mrs Hudson)

For PE children will need to come in a plain white t-shirt and navy blue or black tracksuit bottoms. For Forest School, children will need to wear a navy blue or black t-shirt. Please make sure to also bring suitable clothing e.g. hat, waterproof, wellies etc.

WATER BOTTLES

Pupils must have a water bottle in school every day. These ideally need to be either sports capped or straw topped bottles to prevent spillage and clearly labelled with your child's name on.

UNIFORM

Please make sure all uniform is clearly labelled so that children and lost items can be easily reunited.

HOMEWORK

Spelling

Spellings will be given out at the beginning of each term. These will be a mixture of spelling patterns, common exception words and topic words which will be tested on a Friday.

Spelling shed homework will be set to match the spelling pattern for the week, which will also be taught in school.

TTRS

It is important that children continue to practise their multiplication tables so that they can be quickly recalled. Therefore a minimum of 15 minutes on TTRS per week will need to be completed.

Reading

It is extremely beneficial for children to be reading regularly with an adult thus we ask that you record at least 3 reads in their reading diary per week. These will be checked on a Monday.

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

This year all topics are following our new RED curriculum. We will begin with 'Creation and Covenant' where we will look at what a covenant is and how we can use the ten commandments and virtues to help us live good, happy lives. After half term the topic will be 'Prophecy and Promise' where we will understand that God chooses in unexpected ways, valuing those that are often overlooked, with a closer look at David. Each half term we will also be studying another faith; these will be Judaism and Sikhism this term.

ENGLISH AND READING

This term 'The Night Bus Hero' and 'Journey to Jo'Burg' will be our class texts that we will explore in both our VIPERS and English lessons. They will introduce the children to culturally diverse and classic literature, as well as developing their understanding and implementation of more complex punctuation and grammatical structures.

In English, we'll start the year by reviewing the fundamentals of writing. After that, we'll explore and create our own versions of a discussion text, a character description, and an informational text.

MATHS

We will be following White Rose Maths this term. We will be completing units on place value and the number system and the four operations. Every lesson will start with a 'Flashback' which will focus on questions based on learning from the previous lesson, week, month and year. Every Friday, we will be completing the Friday Challenge to ensure that we are keeping all our maths skills alive.

It is extremely important that you support your child with these math concepts at home as these facts will underpin much of the maths this year which they will find much easier to access if they know these facts by heart and quickly, but also if they know how to apply these skills concretely (using objects), pictorially (drawing and writing) and abstractly (off by heart and know how and why you came to the answer). This in turn will then support them with their reasoning and problem-solving skills.

SCIENCE

Our first science unit is 'Forces'. We will be exploring Isaac Newton's law of Gravity and conducting experiments to test water and air resistance.

During the second half of the term we will be looking at 'Properties and changes of materials'.

ART AND DT

We'll connect our art lessons to our historical studies by exploring various forms of Islamic art and creating prints inspired by these styles. In DT, we'll delve into mechanical systems by creating a pop-up book, which will serve as a unique format for presenting our informational text in English on our geography topic: mountains.

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HISTORY

In Year 5, we will be exploring the fascinating world of early Islamic civilisation. We will learn about the key achievements and contributions of this period, including advancements in art, science, and culture. Our journey will take us to the vibrant city of Baghdad, where we will uncover the wonders of the House of Wisdom and learn about the importance of the Silk Road in connecting cultures and facilitating trade.

GEOGRAPHY

In Geography, during the second part of the term, we will be learning about the mountains of the world. We'll explore the various mountain formations, learn the terminology used to describe different parts of mountains, and discover the Seven Summits along with other significant mountain ranges.

COMPUTING

This term, we will continue to build on our knowledge of computer networks and systems before moving on to vector drawing.

FRENCH

In French this term we will be learning about French phonetics, how to have a conversation in French about your pets and how to express today's date.

KEY DATES

Advent 1

13/09/24 - 1:30 - Holy Cross Feast Day Mass at Church
27/09/24 - 2:30 - Macmillan coffee afternoon
30/09/24 - 9:00 - Year 5 Maths workshop
01/10/24 - 9:00 - Individual school photos
4/10/24 - 9:30 - Harvest Festival, led by Year 5
14/10/24 - 4:00 - Termly Learning Meetings (Face to face)
16/10/24 - 4:00 - Termly Learning Meetings (On Teams)
21/10/24 - Half Term

Advent 2

4/11/24 - Inset Day
15/11/24 - Non-uniform day - Bring a chocolate bar
22/11/24 - Non-uniform day - Bring a bottle
29/11/24 - 9:30 - Whole school Advent Mass
6/12/24 - 2:00 - Christmas Fair
12/12/24 - Christmas dinner and jumper day
13/12/24 - 1:30 - Christmas Panto
19/12/24 - KS2 Christmas Carol Concert
19/12/24 - KS2 Disco
23/12/24 - Christmas Break

If you have any questions about anything contained in this letter or any questions throughout the term please don't hesitate to ask. Let's have a great year!

Miss Gibbens and Mr Harrison