



Year 5 Spring 2 NEWSLETTER

HOMEWORK

Spelling	Spelling Shed at least 4 times a week. Test each Thursday!
Maths	TimesTable Rockstars to be used regularly.
Reading	Reading book sent home each week. Read daily. Please ensure your child looks after their book as you may be charged for any damage.

Important Diary Dates

19 th Feb	School opens for Spring 2 term
20 th Feb	KS2 Parish Mass (10am)
21 st Feb	Parents Meetings 1- 5pm
7 th Mar	World Book Day (dress up!)
8 th Mar	Royal Armouries Visit
15 th Mar	Y5 Collective Worship Assembly (11am)
19 th Mar	IntoUniversity Visit
22 nd Mar	Y1/5 Class Mass (11am)
28 th Mar	Break up for Easter Holiday – 2pm finish
8 th April	School opens for Summer 1 term.

Year 5 staff

Miss Holder – Class Teacher
Mrs Fawcett – Learning Support Assistant
Mr Neal – Student Teacher

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have a very exciting and busy half term ahead in the run up to Easter. We very much hope you are able to join us for these special occasions. There will be a variety of Lenten activities, reflection and learning over the coming weeks as we approach Holy Week and Easter.

Our high standards remain as important as ever and children will be encouraged to work hard, be respectful and be kind to others. This half term, we will be investigating rivers on our geography focus days and exploring materials and their properties in Science.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please do come and speak with us at the start/end of the day or via the 'Contact Your Teacher' page on the website. Alternatively, you can arrange an appointment by phoning the school office.

Miss Holder

RE: Reconciliation. Children will understand actions always have consequences, know about God's love and forgiveness and reflect on what this means for us. They will know that sin hurts others and our relationship with God and know the steps of the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Guided Reading: Myths and Legends. Children will read a breadth of genres, including narrative, myths, plays and poetry.

Maths: Topics this term include: Multiplication and Division; Fractions; Decimals and Percentages; Perimeter and Area; and Statistics.

English: 'The Promise' by Nichola Davies. Children will write a character narrative and a newspaper report based on this text.

PSHE: Healthy Me

Science: Materials and their properties. This will be a continuation of our topic from Spring 1.

Geography: Investigating rivers: Children will be able to understand and explain the water cycle, find out about rivers and how they erode, transport and deposit materials, find out why rivers are important, find out about the causes of river pollution and the effect it has on the environment & be able to conduct a geographical enquiry.

Art: Frida Kahlo

PE: Block, Guard, Support

French: Weekly French lessons are led by Mr Lawson from Mount St Mary's.

School Golden Rules

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2. Listen
3. Try your best
4. Be positive



RE Newsletter Spring 2

The Season of Lent

Dear Parents,

20th Feb – 31st March 2024

The word Lent comes from an old English word that means 'lengthen' and refers to the turning of Winter into Spring when the days lengthen and the cycle of life is renewed once more. There is more sunlight, birdsong is more noticeable, spring bulbs are in bloom and trees are beginning to show signs of coming to life. These signs of new life are echoed in the season of Lent through which the Church bids us to reawaken and refocus on tending to the Lord who calls us 'come back to me, with all your heart'. The journey of Lent is a journey towards the new way of living that Jesus, through the Holy Spirit, promised to us through the power of our most celebrated season – Easter.

We tend to celebrate Christmas as if it's the most important time in the Church's year, but the Resurrection of Jesus is the most important event for Christians. When Christians say that their hope is in the risen Jesus, they mean it is their greatest hope. When Jesus rose on the first Easter morning, it was a brand new kind of life. He promises this same life to all who hope in him. No wonder that Easter is the greatest feast!

Special intentions for our prayers from the Church's prayer cycle for Lent:

Candidates for the sacraments; the needy and the hungry of the world; Women; Penitents and Wanderers

Dates from the Church's calendar:

13th February	Shrove Tuesday	19th March	St Joseph, Husband of Mary
14th February	Ash Wednesday	25th March	The Annunciation
18th February	First Sunday of Lent	31st March	Fifth Sunday of Lent
1st March	St David, Patron of Wales		Holy Week
25th February	Second Sunday of Lent	24th April	Palm Sunday
3rd March	Third Sunday of Lent	28th April	Holy Thursday
17th March	St Patrick, Patron of Ireland	29th April	Good Friday
10th March	Fourth Sunday of Lent	31st April	Easter Sunday

Year 5 – Reconciliation

“There is no limit to God’s grace, nor to God’s mercy and forgiveness when we fail. Reconciliation is a sacrament of healing. Reconciliation makes present Jesus’ call to conversion, involves contrition for our sins, confession of them to a priest, and absolution spoken by the priest in the name of Jesus Christ. In the celebration of the sacrament we acknowledge (confess) God’s holiness and mercy and are reconciled to God and the community of the Church.”

Religious Education Curriculum Directory

Year 5 will learn that sin is a failure of love and learn that when we sin we hurt ourselves and others and damage our relationship with God. They will learn what happens during the Sacrament of Reconciliation and how to receive it.

At Home

You could help your children by:

- talking to them about what strengthens their friendships
- reading the stories of Jesus’ last week with them.

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