

English

This half term in English, the children will be writing a recount of our fabulous trip to Tatton Park. We will be looking at using a variety of sentence openers and adventurous vocabulary. As we approach Christmas, we will be watching *A Christmas Truce*, which will inspire the children to write their own diary entries. Each week, we will also focus on developing reading skills, helping the children to confidently answer literal, deductive, and inferential questions. We encourage you to continue supporting your child by reading widely at home, both for pleasure and practice, and to remember to sign their reading record. Grammar lessons will be exploring determiners, fronted adverbials, the three tense forms, and modal verbs to strengthen writing skills.

DT

Children will be designing and making their own bridges. In order to do this, they will first investigate the different designs of famous bridges, explore ways in which pillars and beams are used to span gaps. Finally, they will be evaluating and analyzing their own bridges.

PSHE

Children will continue exploring Families and Relationships. This term, we look at marriage, family life, respect and bullying. Children will celebrate the positive things that family can offer; love, care support. Children will discuss who they can ask to help them if they are worried.

Music.

Year 5's music topic is The Blues. Within this theme, we will discuss key features of blues music, learn what a chord is and play the 12-bars blues correctly.

Science

This half term in Science, our topic will be **Properties and Changes of Materials**. The children will be developing their understanding of how materials can be grouped and compared based on their properties, such as hardness, solubility, transparency, conductivity, and magnetism. They will also explore how some materials can be **dissolved, mixed, and separated**, and will investigate **reversible and irreversible changes** through practical experiments.

Where is God in our learning? In Year 5, we recognise that God is at the heart of all we do. Throughout each subject, children are helped to see how faith guides their learning, attitudes, and actions. In **RE**, the children will explore prophecy and promise. They will learn how God speaks through prophets to offer hope and encouragement, and how we can keep promises and share God's love with others. In **Science**, the class will investigate the properties of materials. By exploring how each material has purpose and design, they will reflect on the wonder of God's creation and the responsibility we have to care for the world. Moving to **Maths**, practising times tables teaches patience and resilience. Children are reminded that God gives us strength to keep trying and that we can support one another when things are challenging. In **English**, the children will be writing recounts, poetry and diary entries. Words are seen as gifts from God—used to tell stories, share emotions, and speak truth. When writing a diary as a soldier in the trenches, they will consider courage, friendship and peace. Finally, through **Music** and **Forest School**, the children learn that God is present in creativity, community, and the beauty of nature.

Year 5-2025 Autumn 2: Prophecy and Promise



Our Year 5 Stewardship Mission: This month's mission, inspired by Catholic Social Teaching, focuses on supporting the poor. With God at the centre of all we do, the children will learn about kindness, generosity, and caring for those in need. They will plan and take part in fundraising activities to provide basic supplies for communities in poorer countries. Through this mission, the children will come to understand the value of working together, putting God's love into action, and helping to make our world a fairer and more compassionate place.

Maths - Our focus will be on **multiplication**. We will begin by multiplying **two-digit numbers by one-digit numbers**, before moving on to **three-digit numbers multiplied by one-digit numbers**. A secure knowledge of times tables is absolutely essential for this work, as it forms the foundation for understanding more complex multiplication and division, as well as many other areas of maths. Children who know their tables confidently are able to work more efficiently and with greater accuracy. To support this, please encourage your child to **practise their times tables daily**. Regular use of **TT Rock Stars**, **Hit the Button**, and **YouTube songs** can make practice fun and help to keep these key facts fresh in their minds.

Computing

Children will design an interactive picture in Scratch and link musical ideas to their scene. They will write code to create a piece of music that uses different musical structures, such as patterns, repetition and layers. As part of their programming, the children will learn how to use loops to repeat sounds and create rhythms learn how to use loops to repeat sounds and create rhythms in their composition.

History

Following on from our Anglo-Saxon topic about Invaders and Settlers, the children will find out what life was like for Vikings living in Britain and about crime and punishment at this time. We will study how and when England became a unified country. The children will learn about Etherled and Dangelnd and of the significant events that led up to the Norman Conquest and the end of the Anglo Saxon and Viking era.

MFL

Year 5 will continue to enjoy Spanish sessions with our Foreign Language Assistant, Snr Lopez as we listen attentively to spoken language and show understanding by joining in and responding during lessons. We explore patterns and sounds of language through songs and rhymes.

Religion

This half term, our topic is Prophecy and Promise. We will be exploring what we mean by a 'promised land'. We journey with the Israelites and find out what happened to them after they left Egypt; were they faithful to the Ten Commandments? Did God forsake them? We learn about David's life from the book of Samuel and about his kingship We explore how we can help others as part of our preparation for Advent.

PE

Our PE coach will be teaching Dodgeball in P.E. on Monday, and on **Thursday**, the class will take part in Forest School on the field. Please ensure your children wear appropriate clothing. **Monday and Thursday are our PE days.**