



Welcome to Class 5's Spring Overview



Dear Parents and Carers,

What a year we have had so far! We had an exciting Autumn term in school and we have an even more exciting Spring term ahead. Class 5 have well and truly settled into the Year 2 life and curriculum, and they have all worked so hard! As a staff, we want to continue to support you in every way we can. You will receive information about whole school matters through school letters, but we also wanted to send you our own information about Class 5 through a newsletter.

Remember we are using Google Classroom for spellings, homework and updates.

Thank you, Mrs Earl, Mrs Kelly and Mrs Trotter



Maths

This half term we are focusing on multiplication and division, and the strategies of solving these types of calculations.

We will then progress to learning about statistics. This will involve reading and making tally charts, pictograms and diagrams.

TTRockstars has been a real hit up to now, and there are many children who regularly compete with their times tables. It is so evident that this extra practise is taking place and it is definitely paying off in the classroom!



English

This term in English we will look at non-fiction writing, poetry and story writing. Writing themes include Florence Nightingale and George's Marvellous Medicine. The English curriculum links in with the rest of the curriculum so this enables the children to have quality writing with real depth.

We have started teaching from our whole school spelling scheme, which builds on our work in phonics. Here children will apply a spelling theme across a two-week cycle in order to embed new spelling rules.

In our reading sessions we will practise our comprehension skills to help our understanding of a text. We will also encourage the children to use skills such as skimming in order to find information from the text.

Grammar, punctuation, spelling and handwriting will be practised daily in class. We will be completing spellings from the Year 1/2 word lists.



RE

The first topic that we will look at this term is Books. In this topic, we will look at the Holy Gospel, how important it is and the time of Mass when the Holy Gospel is shared. We will also learn about some important stories from the gospels.

We will then be moving on to our Eucharist topic where Year 2 will look at Thanksgiving. Children will learn about the importance of the bread and wine during Mass and recall the events of The Last Supper.

Towards the end of the term we will move on to Lent topic where children will focus on the theme of opportunities for doing good as we prepare for Easter.

Science

During the Spring term Year 2 will be learning about the uses of everyday materials. We will mainly focus on the suitability of materials and even carry out some simple experiments.

In Spring 2, we will then move on to the topic Plants, which will be a perfect time of the year to learn about growing and caring for plants and wildlife.

PE

Our P.E lessons are delivered by Mr Poole. The children will learn the rules of various net and wall games including throwing, catching and scoring.

They will practise various techniques and then practise these against their opponents. The children will build on their teamwork skills from last year.

This will take place on a Thursday morning, so please remember to have PE Kits in school (White tops/red shorts and plimsoles/trainers).

Computing

We will be learning about coding – how to code a simple program.

We will also be building on our learning around e-safety. Please encourage safe internet use at home and good and legal use of social networks. Thank you.

History & Geography

We will be learning all about Florence Nightingale in History. We will explore her life as a nurse and learn about the impact she had and the impact she still has today.

In Geography, our topic is 'Let's go on safari: Kenya'. As you can imagine this is such an exciting topic where the children will learn about the location of Kenya, the animals and the culture. They will compare this to our own.

French

In French we will be focusing on securing our knowledge about saying the body parts in French.



We will learn how to say some simple classroom commands and will learn a lot of this through the game Simon Says. We will also be securing our knowledge in the numbers 1-10.

Art, Music and D&T

Art will be linked with our Geography topic and will be based around African Art.

In Music the children will be continuing the development of their musical knowledge and will continue learning notation through the playing of glockenspiels/recorders.

In D&T children will be learning about structures for building tents.

Homework

Reading is very important! Please listen to your child read regularly and ensure they bring their reading book and record to school every day. It would be appreciated if you could also write a comment to let us know how your child is getting on at home with their reading.

Spellings will be sent home every Friday. Please help your child to learn their words each week for a test the following Thursday.

