



Welcome to Class 5 - Autumn Term

Dear Parents,

A warm welcome to Class 5! We are really looking forward to welcoming each of you into year 2. This year, the children will be learning about an exciting and busy curriculum and we hope to support you in every way we can. You will receive information about whole school issues through school newsletters, but we also wanted to send you our own information about Year 2, so here is the first one of the school year! Feel free to speak to Miss Degnan if you have any queries.

Thank you,
Miss Degnan and Mrs Lacy



English

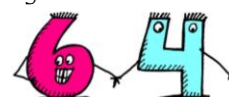
This term, in English we will be exploring the following genres: recounts of real and fictional events and poetry. Throughout this term, the children will learn how to use different sentence types and punctuation (Capital letters . ? !) for different purposes. They will also begin to use adjectives, verbs and conjunctions to add extra details into their sentences. Children will also begin to edit their work to check for errors and improve it to make their writing more interesting. We will also develop the children's reading and comprehension skills through our English lessons and 1:1 reading sessions which will be in addition to the children's daily reading at home. In addition to these skills, the children will also improve their handwriting skills as they move from individual letters (precursive) to joined letters (cursive). Throughout year 2, we will also be learning new spelling patterns and key words. Please see your child's homework books for more information.

Maths

The main areas we will cover this term are:

- ◊ Knowledge of Number and Place Value (focusing on tens and ones initially).
- ◊ Addition and Subtraction (both mentally and using written column methods, including money).
- ◊ Multiplication and Division (practically and recalling facts).

The children will also be learning and consolidating their knowledge of the 2, 5 and 10 times tables and division facts as well as KIRFS, such as number bonds to 10 and 20, halves and doubles to 20. Please refer to your child's homework book to see which times table/KIRF they are practising each week.



RE

This term in R.E., we will begin our Talking to God lessons with our Beginnings topic. We will think about God's creations and how He made each of us special. We will move onto looking at what happens during a Baptism and the signs and symbols we use to celebrate this sacrament. In addition, we will also study Judaism to learn about other religions.

This year, the children will also begin planning and delivering collective worships and liturgies as we learn more about our faith with our class family.



Science

We will begin Science this term with our Animals including Humans topic, during which we will explore how animals change over time, what they need and how we can keep ourselves healthy. We will practise drawing bar charts to show how exercise affects our bodies.



PE



This term in P.E., the children will be developing their movement and teamwork skills through invasion games with Mr Poole and Mr Bowman, such as Tag Rugby, Basketball and Netball. We will also focus on evaluating our P.E. skills by discussing our strengths and weaknesses to help us improve. The children will also continue to develop their core muscles, balance and movement through gymnastics. Our P.E. lessons are scheduled for Tuesdays and Thursdays, however these days may change so please ensure PE Kits (white tops, black shorts or tracksuit bottoms, black jacket and black plimsolls) are brought to school on a Monday and taken home on a Friday.

Computing

This term in Computing, our topics are 'Super Sci-Fi' during which we will be creating our own computer games using apps and using Morfo to retell the story of the Moon Landing from Neil Armstrong's mouth. We will also be looking at 'The Risks of Using the Internet' where we will explore e-safety rules learning how to keep ourselves safe online. In our Vehicles topic, we will be researching, designing, building and advertising our own vehicles.

History/Geography



We are really looking forward to learning about the Space Race this term! We will begin with learning about how transport has changed over time and some important milestones along the way. We will look at the first moon landing and the famous words of Neil Armstrong. We will be focusing on the historical vocabulary that the children are using such as 'in the past', 'many years ago', 'in the future' and 'now'. Children will also learn about how Thornaby has changed over time. In Geography, we will be looking at human and physical features of Thornaby and will learn how to create simple maps. We'll also help some special visitors escape from a snow maze using compass directions!

French



This term, we will learn how to say greetings and sing the greetings song, how to name parts of body and how to give and follow classroom instructions.

Homework

Children in Class 5 are expected to do **30 minutes homework every school night.**

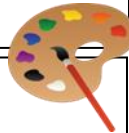
This consists of:

- Ten minutes reading (ideally with an adult);
- ten minutes practising spellings of the week using the look, say, cover, write, check method;
- ten minutes practising times tables or KIRFS using look, say, cover, write, check method.

Homework books will go home on a Friday and children will return them on a Thursday for their times tables/KIRFS and spellings tests. Tests and scores are in the back of your child's homework book for you to view.

Please refer to your child's homework books for more information and thank you for your continued support!

Art, Music and D&T



Our Art topic this term is focusing on our class artist, Vincent Van Gogh. In our art lessons this term, the children will develop their line drawing skills and painting techniques by drawing and painting Van Gogh's iconic Starry Night.

In music, we will be focusing on music from around the world, music linked to Black History Month and our Christmas Nativity music.

In D and T, the children will be designing and making their own freestanding structures based on key Thornaby landmarks, such as the Spitfire plane memorial.

Important Dates!

Please check your child's reading packet, our school website or Twitter page for more information on important dates for your diary and to find out about the exciting things happening at St Patrick's.

Twitter: @StPatricksRCTho

School Website: <https://stpatrickscp.npcat.org.uk/>

