# St Therese of LisieuxWelcome to Class 5-Spring Term

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to Class 5! Spring is a really exciting term for the children as they are all now

familiar with their new learning environment and are thriving within it! We will begin exciting

new topics in all areas of the curriculum. The children will continue to learn about an exciting,

rich curriculum and we hope to support you in every way we can, as the children continue

their journey to becoming independent learners. As part of this, we will continue to use

certificates, Twitter and our webpage to share your child’s achievements throughout the term.

Please feel free to speak to Miss Degnan if you have any queries regarding our curriculum or

your child’s progress!

Mrs Philpot and Miss Quigley

## English

This term, in English we will be exploring the following genres using exciting texts: recounts of real and fictional events, story writing, instructions and poetry. In our writing lessons, we will be learning to:

 - use a range of punctuation: . , ? ! ‘

 - use a range of conjunctions to add detail

- use adventurous adjectives and similes - use different sentence forms (statement, command, question and exclamation)

- write in the 3 rd person, present and past tense

- use alliteration and rhyming patterns

- use a range of verbs and adverbs

- to use simple joins correctly and consistently

In our reading lessons, we will be learning to:

- sequence and summarise what we have read

- increase our fluency with unfamiliar words and check that texts make sense to us

- answer questions and make inferences about texts

- explore the meaning of new words in texts

- respond to punctuation as we read - read words with a range of suffixes

**Maths**

The main areas we will cover this term are: • Multiplication and Division (practically and recalling facts).

• Statistics

• Geometry: Properties of Shape

• Fractions

The children will also be learning and consolidating their knowledge of the following KIRFS:

• 2, 5, 10 multiplication and divisions facts and counting in 3s

• Number Bonds to 100

• Addition and Subtraction Fact Families Please refer to your child’s times table (purple) book to see which times tables we are learning each week.

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##### Science

This term, we will be learning all about materials in our science lessons. We will be recognising materials around our school and helping teachers sort their classroom objects in different ways. We will also be designing and building a Tudor castle using appropriate materials, thinking about the properties of each material and which part of the castle they would be best used for. Will our castles survive an attack? We will also be doing lots of investigating materials to test which materials can be twisted, squashed, bent or stretched.

###### RE

This term in R.E., we will be exploring the topics of: ‘Books’ by looking at the different books that help us worship and praise God; ‘Thanksgiving’ where we will learn about the Eucharist; and finally, ‘Opportunities’ through Lent and Easter. Throughout these topics we will be discussing the following big questions: Why do we need books? Why should we be grateful people? How does each day offer opportunities for good? We will also be learning about Buddhism and how and why Buddhists meditate.

**PE**

This term in P.E., the children will be developing their knowledge of invasion games, including tag rugby. We will be learning new skills to improve our individual and team performance. The children will also continue to develop their core muscles, balance and movement through dance. Our P.E. lessons are scheduled for Tuesdays and Wednesdays, however these days may change, so please ensure PE Kits (white tops, black shorts/jogging bottoms and black plimsolls) are brought to school on a Monday and taken home on a Friday.

**Computing**

This term in Computing, we are working on

presenting and interpreting data about the

weather. We will explore different ways of

presenting data and think carefully about which

method is best to use. Children will also begin to

explore code and learn about how this helps a

computer to work.

Children will also be given frequent opportunities

to use ICT across the curriculum with apps! We will share

the best of our work with parents using Twitter!

**History and Geography**

We are really looking forward to learning about our new

history topic: Henry and His Wives. In this topic, we will

be learning about England’s monarchy and looking at

some kings and queens from the past. We will have a

special focus on King Henry VIII and his wives. We will be

learning how to research and retell facts about the

legendary king and the changes he made to our country.

In our Geography topic, Rocking All Over the World, we

will be looking at the world as a whole and begin by

identifying the continents and oceans using digital maps,

globes and atlases. We will then zoom in on the UK and

learn more about the countries, capital cities and seas

that surround us.



**Homework**

Children in Class 5 are expected to do 30 minutes homework every school night. This consists of:

• reading (ideally with an adult);

• practising spellings of the week using the look, say, cover, write, check method;

• practising times tables or KIRFS using look, say, cover, write, check method.

• practising SPAG or reading skills

Homework books will go home on a Friday and children will return them on the following Friday 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**

This term in Art, the children will work with

clay to design and create their very own

Tudor tile, looking at how they can sculpt,

mould and add texture to create patterns.

In D and T, the children will be designing

and creating their own moneybags for King

Henry VIII. We will use our science

knowledge to choose appropriate materials.

In Music, we will be exploring and creating

our own rhythms and beats using our

Charanga programme. We will listen to and

use instruments to create a musical

performance. At the end of the term, we will

perform for an audience and discuss what we

think went well.

**Important Dates!**

These are some of the events coming up this term! Dates will follow as soon as possible:

Class mass at St. Patrick’s Church (tbc)

Stay and Pray (tbc)

Don’t forget to visit our website for more information!