# St Therese of LisieuxWelcome to Class 5 - Summer Term

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to Class 5! Summer 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 Mrs Philpot if you have any queries regarding our curriculum or your child’s progress!

Thank you for your support, Mrs Philpot and Miss Quigley.

**Maths**

The main areas we will cover this term are:

* Length and Height
* Position and Direction
* Time
* Mass, Capacity and Temperature

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

* **Differences between multiples of ten up to 100 (e.g. 70 – 50 = 20).**
* **Number Bonds to 100 (e.g. 57 + 43)**
* **Addition and Subtraction Fact Families to 20**

Please refer to your child’s times table (purple) book to see which times tables we are learning each week.

## English

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

* use a range of punctuation: . , ? ! ‘
* use adventurous adjectives and similes and metaphors
* use different sentence forms (statement, command, question and exclamation)
* write in the 3rd person, present and past and progressive tense
* use alliteration and rhyming patterns
* use a range of conjunctions, verbs and adverbs
* sequence ideas in a narrative and use pronouns to avoid repetition
* join our handwriting consistently

In our **reading** lessons, we will be learning to:

* sequence, summarise and explain 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
* make links to other texts we have read
* perform our own writing to others

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##### Science

This term, we will be learning all about **Plants** in our science lessons. We will be exploring our local area to spot many common plants and trees, thinking about whether they are deciduous or evergreen. We will then look at the different life cycles of plants and how seeds disperse in different ways. Finally, we will think about the different plants and seeds that we eat as part of a balanced diet.



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###### RE

This term in R.E., we will be ‘Spreading the Word’ as we learn about the Ascension and Pentecost Day when the Holy Spirit came and gave us all special gifts. We will then look at ‘Rules’ and how God asks us to forgive others as He forgives us when we make mistakes. We will also think about the ‘Reconciliation’ and what happens during this special sacrament. Finally, we look at God’s ‘Treasures’ including the world and all the things He has created for us. We will be thinking about our role on the Earth and how we need to look after God’s creation.

**PE**

This term in P.E., the children will be developing their knowledge of athletics. We will be learning new skills to improve our individual and team performance. We will be learning new techniques for long jumps, hurdles, throwing howlers and many others. Our P.E. lessons are scheduled for Wednesdays and Fridays, 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 our Mythical Creatures topic using plants, iMovie and the camera app.

We will continue to discuss how to keep ourselves safe when on the internet, or using online games. We will also think about cyber-bullying: what it is, how it makes others feel and how to stop it.

Children will also be given frequent opportunities to use ICT across the curriculum. 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: The Adventures of Captain Cook. In this topic, we will be learning about his life in our local area and using our research skills to find out more about his voyages and discoveries.

In our Geography topic, ‘Oh, I do like to be beside the Seaside’, we will be looking at the coastal town of Whitby and how the human and physical features here compare to our local area of Thornaby.



**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.

**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 digital technology as they ‘Zoom into Nature’ and edit their own photos to create a final piece inspired by David Hockney.

In D and T, the children will be designing and creating a moving storyboard using sliders and levers to retell the adventures of Captain Cook. We’ll also be creating some scurvy busting recipes to keep his sailors healthy.

In Music, we will be creating our own improvisations and compositions using our Charanga programme. 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!