



St Paulinus



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CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Year Five Spring Term Newsletter

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Dear parents,

The children have all settled into Year Five brilliantly after Christmas and we are all getting back to our routines. We have included some information which details some of our learning over the coming weeks.

TOPIC

Our topic work focusses around the question, 'Why is the earth so Fragile?' In Science we are learning about gravity and its effects and investigating pulleys. We will be working towards linking this to Design and Technology and creating a working pulley system.

In History we will be learning about famous people past and present and their effect on bettering our planet. Some of these include David Attenborough, Jane Goodall and Greta Thunberg.

Within our Geography we will be looking at the structure of the Earth including identifying tectonic plates. We will research various weather phenomenon's and their effects such as tsunamis, earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, avalanches and drought to name a few.

MATHS

In Maths we are currently looking at area and perimeter and moving onto a focus of multiplication and division. We will be looking at using various strategies for problem solving and the children being able to use their knowledge of number and place value to solve multi-step problems.

P.E

Our P.E lessons are on a Monday and a Friday. Please can you send your child into school wearing their P.E kits on these days. For this half term our Monday session is Gymnastics and Friday will be tag Rugby with the sports coaches. Please can you ensure that your child has their hair tied back.

Should you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to come and speak to us.

Thank you for your support.

Mrs Eschoe, Mrs Campbell and Mrs Hopkinson

ENGLISH

In English in the beginning of this half term we are exploring mystery and suspense writing. As a class we will be reading the text "The Water tower" by Gary Crew and using this as a stimulus for writing our own suspense story. We will be particularly looking at using descriptive language and a variety of sentence types in order to make these stories creative, engaging and leaving the reader at the edge of their seats!

READING AND SPELLINGS

Spellings and Reading activities will be handed out via Google Classroom on a Friday. Spellings and times tables will be tested on the following Friday. There are a few activities that need to be completed by Thursday night including the handwriting of their spellings within a sentence and also practicing their timetables on TTRS within the week. Please can you continue to hear your child read as reading to an adult has added benefit to your child's understanding and ability to answer questions about the text.

R.E

Our first Spring topic is 'Mission' with our big question being "Do we all have a mission in life?" We will explore the mission of Jesus and how this changes how we live. We discover more of our God given gifts and talents and how we can use these to walk in Jesus' footsteps with love, service and kindness towards others.

GENERAL

Please can you make sure that your child's clothing has been labelled with their names. This will make it easier for your child to locate their belongings and reduce the number of lost/missing items of clothing.

Please could you remind your child to bring their water bottle to school and that it needs to be taken home and washed daily.