



St Aidan's Catholic Primary School

Living and Growing in Christ

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Year 5 Autumn Term Curriculum Letter

Dear Year 5 Parents,

Welcome back to school for the Autumn term; we hope you all had a restful break. We have a busy year ahead and look forward to a more 'normal' way of working. We would like to welcome Michelle Antwi who has joined our class this year.

Below we have outlined some of the key information for Year 5.

Classroom organisation:

As usual children should have a named **water** bottle in school.

PE will be on Wednesdays and Thursdays this term. We hope to try and get outside while we can, so children will need kit both suitable for in and outdoors PE. Please be reminded that the PE kit consists of navy shorts, a light blue t-shirt and plimsolls. Children also require a tracksuit and trainers for outdoor PE.

In class, children also need a **small pencil case** (clearly labelled) containing the following items:- 2 HB pencils, rubber, pencil sharpener with its own container, a set of colouring pencils, scissors and a large Pritt stick.

Homework and spellings:

Weekly spellings are set on Monday and tested on the following Monday. Numeracy Homework is given on Tuesdays and is due in the following Thursday. Literacy homework is set every Friday and due in on Monday.

Staffing:

Mrs Wright will be in class on Monday and Tuesday and Mrs Tuffrey will be in class Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Mrs Merlini will also be supporting the children in the class.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any queries.

Thank you for your support.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Wright, Mrs Tuffrey and Mrs Merlini



<p><u>Science</u> Our first topic will be Forces. We will be learning about what forces are in action all around us and how levers and pulleys are used in machines and mechanisms. After half term, we will be learning all about Earth and space. We will study the phases of the moon, how/why we experience seasons and day/night on Earth. We will also learn about star constellations.</p>	<p><u>RE</u> As a class, we will reflect on the topics Ourselves, Life Choices and Hope. We will think about what it means to live in 'peace' with one another. We will also study how being created in the 'image and likeness of God' shapes our lives.</p> <p><u>Other Faith</u> In Judaism, we will look at the important festival of the Passover and how it is celebrated around the World. We will learn about the significance of the different parts of the Seder Meal and understand why this celebration is so important.</p> <p><u>SRE</u> Gifts, talents and self confidence. Learning that differences whether physical or skills based, should be celebrated as enriching to a community.</p>	<p><u>English</u> Our class text this term is 'The Adventures of Odysseus.' We are also studying other Myths and Legends as well as stories from various cultures and poetry. For non-fiction texts, we will focus on newspapers, diaries, balanced arguments, recipes and instructions.</p> <p>We will continue to develop our Reading comprehension skills and work on developing extended written answers to questions.</p> <p>We will also continue to develop our knowledge of grammar and ensure our writing is accurately punctuated.</p>
<p><u>Geography/History</u> Ancient Greece – achievements and impact in the Western World. Looking at government and rule, gods and goddesses, art, theatre, wars and warfare.</p>		<p><u>Computing</u> We will be completing work using Scratch to create a quiz, iMovie to create sound clips/movies linked to topics and excel to create databases and graphs.</p>
<p><u>DT/Art</u> Ancient Greek Art – designing and creating their own Theatre masks and Greek vases. Studying patterns in Art and using different mediums to create styles or patterns.</p>	<p><u>PE/Games</u> This half term we will be developing dance and gymnastics skills as well as playing various outdoor games developing skills to travel with a ball showing changes of speed and directions using either foot or hand and strike a ball with intent and throw it more accurately when bowling and/or fielding.</p>	<p><u>Maths</u> We will include work on place value, recall of times tables, standard methods of addition and subtraction, problem solving, properties of 2D shape, producing and reading tables and bar charts, and coordinates.</p>
<p><u>Spanish</u> This term we will write about emotions, parts of our house, furniture and school life. We will be able to say/write numbers up to 100. We will learn about the Day of the Dead (Mexico) and Christmas celebrations in Spain. We will also sing Spanish songs!</p>	<p><u>Music</u> This term, we will study various composers. We particularly look at 'Gustav Holst' in connection with our Science work on the Planets.</p>	<p><u>PSHCE</u> The children will continue with Votes for Schools which encourages debate of current issues in the media. The children will consider various issues and have their opinions valued and considered by others.</p>