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Living and Growing in Christ

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Year 5 Spring Term Curriculum Letter

Dear Year 5 Parents,

Welcome back to school for the spring term; we hope you all had a restful break. Many thanks for all your generous gifts prior to Christmas. It was very kind and much appreciated. We have a busy term ahead.

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, 2 handwriting pens, 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 Thursday of the same week. Literacy homework is set every Friday and due in on following Monday.

Staffing:

As normal, 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 continued support.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Wright, Mrs Tuffrey



<p><u>Science</u> Our first topic will be living things and their habitats. We will be learning about the life cycles of various different animals, including birds, reptiles, amphibians, mammals and insects. We will also study the life cycles of both flowering and non-flowering plants. We will compare life cycles and discuss differences. After half term, our topic will be, 'animals including humans'. We will learn about the life stages humans go through from birth to old age. We will also plan and carryout fair tests and analyse results.</p>	<p><u>RE</u> As a class, we will reflect on the topics Local Church - Community, Eucharist, Lent and Easter. We will think about what the word 'inspirational' means and look at the mission of a 'diocese'. We will also understand the 'Eucharist' as a memorial.</p> <p><u>Other Faith</u> This term we are going to be celebrating World Religion Day in class. We will have the opportunity to learn about different world religions and celebrate diversity around the world.</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 novel this term is 'There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom. Using this text and other short stories, we will look at character descriptions, playscripts, diary entries, stories, letters and poetry.</p> <p>Grammar this term will focus on a range of punctuation along with varying sentences starters, using a range of conjunctions and making sure our sentences are grammatically correct.</p> <p>We will continue with our reading comprehension skills in terms of both oral and written answers.</p>
<p><u>Geography/History</u> Geography – looking at the landscape of Greece as a country and comparing it to the United Kingdom. We will also focus on location, climate, population along with map skills.</p>	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;">   </div> <p style="text-align: center;">Greece and the United Kingdom</p>	<p><u>Computing</u> We will be completing work using Google docs, coding using Scratch and also use Comic Life to create stories on the iPads. We will also continue to learn how to stay safe online.</p>
<p><u>DT/Art</u> We will study the work of artists such as Charles Rennie Mackintosh and Roy Lichtenstein and also look at Art techniques like Pointillism, painting with different mediums and patterns.</p>	<p><u>PE/Games</u> This half term we will be developing 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, calculating and measuring angles, symmetry and measures (including converting between units of measure).</p>
<p><u>Spanish</u> We will study how the feast of The Epiphany is celebrated in Spain. The children will learn vocabulary about emotions and feelings to make their writing more interesting. The vocabulary of food and drink in restaurants and supermarkets will also be used.</p>	<p><u>Music</u> This term, we will continue our work on composers both classical and contemporary. We will also look at the different instruments in an orchestra.</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>