

# Year 5 Newsletter

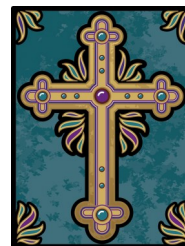
Dear Parents,

Welcome back. I hope you had a fun and relaxing Easter holiday and your child is ready to continue their hard work in their final term in Year 5. I don't know about you, but I can't believe how quickly this year is going. It obviously means we're having lots of fun in Year 5!

Here is some useful information for you and your child as we continue this academic year.

## R.E

Our focus in R.E. this term will be the Kingdom of God. This will allow the children to learn about and discuss how Christians follow God and Jesus' teachings. We will then be looking at Pilgrimages in the latter half of the term and discover how different faiths show their devotion and worship through pilgrimage and what it means to take part in one.



## English

English this term will continue to focus on improving the children's writing and reading through a variety of genres including fiction, poetry and non-fiction. The aim is to develop their language choice and help them understand how this engages a reader. Combined with this, we will also continue to teach grammar and punctuation as part of the English lessons. Our class texts for this term are 'Farm Boy' by Michael Morpurgo and 'The Phoenix Code' by Helen Moss. We hope that these will enthuse, especially as they link to our two topics for this term.

## Maths

We will be working hard this term on many different strands of the maths curriculum in order to prepare the children for when they move to Year 6 in September.

We will be focussing on consolidating their quick recall of times tables facts to x12 - TTRockstars is a great way of doing this. In order to help the children develop their arithmetic skills, we will practise daily fluency skills, as well as building on their reasoning skills in maths. We will continue to follow the Power Maths scheme, along with Classroom Secrets and White Rose Maths.

The main thing is that we want maths to be fun.

## PE

Our P.E. lessons will continue to be on **Thursdays** with children coming to school in their P.E. kit or suitable sports wear. We aim to have our lessons outside as much as possible. Therefore, as the weather gets warmer (hopefully!), it is advised that children bring sun hats. However, sweaters/hoodies are probably still a good idea.



## Topic

Our cross-curricular theme for the first half term will be 'Sow, Grow and Farm.:' This topic looks at farming throughout the world along with how seeds germinate and grow. We aim to plant some seeds and, fingers crossed, watch them grow!

For the second part of the term, our topic is 'Pharaoh's'. This is a great topic for children to discover what life was like in Ancient Egypt. Some of our favourite parts of this topic is the opportunity to cook some Egyptian food, and carry out the process of mummification.

## Homework

**Learning Logs** - Each half-term your child will be required to complete three tasks relating to their current topic. These tasks will be sent home at the beginning of each term and completed and returned to school at the end of the half-term (the dates can be found at the top of the tasks).

**TTRockstars & Spelling Shed** - your child should have log on details for these. It is important that they log on regularly, preferably daily, to support their times tables knowledge and spelling. We appreciate that there may difficulty in logging on at home, so we will ensure that paper copies (of spellings) are sent home.

**Arithmetic**— in order to support children with their arithmetic skills, a set of 20 questions are sent home in week. Please support your child in completing these questions and returning them to school every **Thursday**.

**Reading Records**— two new books are provided every **Monday** and evidence of reading to be returned to school on **Fridays**. Please ensure that your child reads the books from school, however they can also read books of their choice as well.

Finally, if you have any problems or concerns and wish to speak to us, please contact the school office who will pass on all messages.

We look forward to a fun summer term in Year 5.

Thank you for your continued support.

Best wishes,

*Mrs Crosby, Mrs Kapoor & Miss Holl*