



# Autumn Newsletter Year Five



Dear Parents,

We've had an incredibly busy start to the year. The children are all working hard to adjust to their new learning routines but they have settled in so well.

Below is a summary of the learning that will take place this term.

## R.E.

In Religious Education we will begin by re-visiting our Mission Statement then learning about our class Saint (Maximilian Kolbe). We will then begin the topic of 'Ourselves'. Pupils will also look at how God made each and every one of us and how we are all unique and special. Children will discuss how everyone is made in the image and likeness of God and they will also develop a deeper awareness of who they are and what place they hold in the world.

After this, we will then move onto the next topic of 'Belonging'. During this topic the children will learn and discuss how through Baptism, Christians are called to a life of holiness and to the mission of spreading the Good News. That life may be lived out in different ways. For some it will be through marriage. Whatever life choices are made, the Christian is called to a commitment of holiness and service of others.

## English

This term we will begin by looking at what features are used to write Haiku poems. The children will then use these skills to compose their own poems thinking about language and organisational features.

We will be looking at narrative stories and using model texts to explore characterisation and action/suspense within our own writing. Grammatical skills will be taught throughout these units and children will be given the chance to apply their skills in their own independent pieces of work.

## Maths

We will be learning about the place value of eight-digit numbers. The children will

learn addition, subtraction, multiplication and division strategies to use with larger numbers and decimal numbers. We will also be finding factors and multiples of numbers. Children will also learn how to use methods such as rounding to help them when working mentally. They will continue to practise their times tables skills for their fluency lesson on a Friday. Please can you make sure they are practising these at home too.

### **Science**

We will begin the term by learning about Evolution and Inheritance. During this unit, we will explore characteristics which are inherited and will begin to explore how and why differences between parents and offspring occur. Children will discuss how different plants and animals have adapted to suit their environment and how over time this contributes to evolution. Children will have the opportunity to explore Charles Darwin and how his theories have contributed to our understanding of the processes of evolution and inheritance.

Our second unit this term will involve studying the Earth and its position in the solar system relative to the sun and the moon. Children will learn about the rotation of the earth and the orbit of the sun; they will then use this knowledge to explain day and night and seasonal changes.

### **Foundation Subjects**

During term one we will be looking at the history of the life and work of the Ancient Sumer and how they have contributed to life as we know it today. We will look at timelines of key events throughout their time and consider their life in comparison to other civilisations.

We will be studying Ancient Mesopotamia and making comparisons between the geographical landscapes of the time to that of today.

### **P.E.**

During term one, we will be looking at developing a range of skills including looking at ABC - agility, balance and coordination. Real PE focuses on giving children the physical literacy, emotional and thinking skills to achieve in PE, Sport and life. Please remember that on PE days your child is to arrive at school in their full PE kit in preparation for any weather condition as we will be outside as much as possible. Also ensure your child has a water bottle available. Earring must be removed before coming to school.

### **Our PE lessons are on the following days:**

Tuesday: in the hall

Friday: outdoors

## **Computing**

Children will be reinforcing how to use the internet safely for the first week, we will be looking at websites and their validity. From this, we will be using Google Chrome to create their webpages.

## **Music**

In music this term the children will be developing their composing skills. They will continue to develop their listening and appraising skills and will be expected to use musical vocabulary to justify their views. Alongside this the children will also learn to play their ukuleles, developing chords, melodies and accompaniments. Children will have the opportunity to perform as a whole class, in small groups or as a solo during their music lessons.

## **Spanish**

This term they will be consolidating their learning from last year. Pupils will use their linguistic skills to communicate with different greetings when meeting people and saying goodbye. Throughout the lessons they will be improving their listening, reading and writing skills in Spanish when not only looking at the country but looking at the different lifestyles lived in the country.

## **PSHE**

The children will think about setting themselves challenges and goals not only for the coming year but for the future too and reflect on what they have already achieved. This will be done through the Raising Aspirations programme. They will continue to understand their rights and responsibilities as a British citizen as well as rewards and consequences for actions.

## **Other key points:**

Please could you ensure that all uniform is labelled with your child's name, including their PE kit. It is helpful for children to have a water bottle for the classroom, which also needs to be labelled.

If children bring in mobile phones for safety reasons, i.e. they are walking home - the mobile phone needs to be switched off and given to their class teacher at morning registration.

It would be appreciated if you are able provide any boxes of tissues for the classroom as we begin to move into colder weather.

**Finally, Homework This Year:**

Reading records will be checked daily in class and times tables records on a Friday before the fluency lesson.

We are continuing to use Edshed for spelling this year and children will have login details to practise their spelling skills through different activities/games at home. This will be clarified in class so all children will know what is expected of them.

Many thanks for your continued support. If you have any concerns please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thanks again,

Miss Sharkey

*Prayer for Family*

*Heavenly Father, in You, my family*

*is in good hands.*

*I pray for Your wonderful blessing upon them*

*And for each one to feel Your presence, Strength and love.*

*In Jesus' name.*

*Amen*

