

YEAR FIVE

Spring 2 Half Term Newsletter

Miss Noonan (Class Teacher), Mrs Gibson (Thursday mornings)

Welcome back to the second half of the spring term! We hope you had a wonderful week together and that the children are feeling refreshed, positive, and ready for another exciting few weeks at school.

Last half term, the children showed fantastic determination and perseverance in our fractions unit, and we were so proud of the progress they made. We will continue building on this strong foundation before moving on to decimals and percentages.

In our wider curriculum, we are incredibly proud of the amazing pieces of artwork the children created as part of our Islamic Art and Architecture unit. Their intricate patterns and thoughtful designs were inspired by traditional Islamic geometric art and demonstrated both creativity and careful attention to detail. We are also looking forward to returning to our ukulele lessons, where the children will continue developing their musical skills and confidence in performance.

We are excited for all the learning and creativity that this half term will bring!

Reading

Please continue to encourage your child to read regularly at home and take time to discuss what they are reading, helping to develop their understanding and enjoyment. Don't forget to sign their reading journal to record their home reading.

The children are enjoying completing their assignments on Reading Plus at school, and there may also be some tasks to finish at home. We encourage a balance of Reading Plus texts and reading for pleasure, so that children experience a wide range of genres and authors.

Times Tables

It is essential that the children know all of their times tables up to 12×12 and can recall them quickly and confidently during lessons. As we continue our work on fractions this term, secure times table knowledge will be particularly important.

Please encourage your child to practise regularly on Times Table Rock Stars as part of our homework policy — we recommend just five minutes each day. As a class, Year 5 are usually fantastic at taking part in our TTRS battles, so let's keep up that great competitive spirit! There are also weekly awards presented in our celebration worship for children who are working especially hard on Times Table Rock Stars.

PE

PE will continue to take place on Fridays this half term. Children are welcome to come to school wearing their PE kits; however, please ensure that the correct school PE kit is worn rather than branded sportswear. We will be starting our hockey unit as part of our invasion games strand in the PE curriculum, with a focus on teamwork, communication and maintaining a positive mindset.

Please remember that PE is a compulsory part of the curriculum. If your child is unable to take part, a written note must be provided. We recognise the many positive benefits of regular exercise on both physical and mental health, and encourage all children to participate fully wherever possible.

Dot Art Competition

We would like to thank all of the children who entered the Dot Art Schools competition. We were blown away by the creativity the children had put into their Art work. They have all now been submitted and sent off and we will keep you updated- fingers crossed!

World Book Day – Friday 6th March

We are really looking forward to celebrating this special day together with lots of exciting book-themed activities planned throughout the day — and even across the week! Please note that we will now be celebrating on **Friday** instead of Thursday. More details will follow soon, but start thinking about costumes (or cosy pyjamas!) and get ready for a fantastic day of reading and fun. We know you are going to love it!

5Be Experiences:

Manchester Metropolitan University – Moot Courtroom

Year 5 will visit Manchester Metropolitan University's Moot Court to take part in a workshop on racial injustice and hate crime, supporting our 5Be Experiences: Be an Advocate strand. This valuable session will deepen pupils' understanding of justice and advocacy. Letters for this trip will be sent out electronically this week.

Sefton Crucial Crew Child Safety Event

At the end of June, Year 5 will be attending Aintree Racecourse for our yearly Sefton Crucial Crew Child Safety Event. Crucial Crew is a multi-agency safety event aimed at upper KS2 children designed to provide children with life skills that will enable them to keep themselves and others safe. The aim of our Crucial Crew event is to raise each participant's awareness of threats and dangers, in a fun and interactive way. The children always benefit from the workshops each year. More information will follow in a separate letter once we have had the date confirmed.

Behaviour

In Year 5, we are very focused on achieving the bronze, silver and gold Star awards. We each have individual behaviour targets which we are working on so please talk to your child and discuss their target with them to help them achieve this. The Shooting Star certificates are given out weekly for individual achievements across the curriculum or for demonstrating our Christian values **alongside** consistent excellent behaviour in class and at break and lunchtimes.

Key Dates for your diary: Please note, there may be other events that aren't included in the list below.

Friday 27th February – Mufti

Thursday 5th March – Mrs Lockely's Shop

Friday 6th March – World Book Day

Friday 13th March – Mother's Day Afternoon Tea

Thursday 19th March – Class Worship (Team 4)

Monday 23rd – Friday 27th – Year 5 Bike ability Sessions (Timetable to follow)

Thursday 26th March – Parent's Evening

Friday 27th March – End of Spring Term

Wednesday 10th June – MMU Moot Court Trip

As the days begin to brighten and the lighter nights roll in, please feel free to get in touch if there's anything you'd like to chat about. Thank you, as always, for your continued support with your child's learning.

Many thanks,
Miss Noonan

Spring 2 Curriculum Map Year Five

Maths In maths, we will continue our work on fractions. The children will be given the opportunity to apply their multiplication and division knowledge to solving problems involving fractions. Then we will be moving on to our decimals unit.	English We will be exploring, 'The Promise' by Nicola Davies in which we will create a character narrative and newspaper report. We are going to focusing on year 5 grammar techniques: relative clauses, relative pronouns and modal verbs.	RE We will be continuing our Jesus the Teacher unit then we will move on to learning all about Easter and how Christians believe it can be thought of as a victory.
History In History, we are building on our learning about the Roman Republic by exploring the Roman Empire, including key emperors, the Roman army, religious conflict and persecution, and life in Pompeii, while developing evidential thinking through historical sources.	Geography In Geography, we are exploring population, including distribution, diversity and migration across Great Britain. We will study multicultural London and Cardiff, examine Welsh language and identity, and use census data and thematic maps to investigate how and why population patterns vary.	Science In science, we will be learning about forces. We will learn that a force is either a push or a pull. Forces can make things increase their speed, reduce their speed, change direction or change shape. We will be exploring through investigations and experiments using our scientific enquiry skills.
PE The children will be continuing with their swimming lesson every Tuesday as part of the National Curriculum. Please encourage your child to participate with their full swimming kit each week.	MFL We will be learning to talk about animals and their habitats. Please log on to Language angels to practise! Revisiting and revising vocabulary is vital. https://www.languageangels.com Pupil log in: (replace the number with the year group (5 for Year 5) Username: stthomas5 Password: 5	Music This half term we will be learning to play the ukelele on a Wednesday morning with Sefton Music Services.
PSHE We will continue our new My Happy Minds lessons and we will be focusing on our second module of 'Celebrate'. The Celebrate module is focused on introducing the evidence-based theory that we all have different Character Strengths and that, by understanding what they are and then using them as much as possible, we can be at our best! In this context, Character Strengths refer to those character traits that make us unique. We all have different characters and this is something to celebrate! This is not about what we are 'good' at, like football or maths. It is about who we are, such as being kind or brave.		We have set days throughout the year for DT and Computing learning to take place.

Year 5 - Home/School Spellings - Spring 2

Here are the home spellings for year 5 this half term, you may notice some spellings are repeated this is to help strengthen the children's learning. The children will be learning the words in class the week prior to the test. Tests will be every Friday, please practice the spellings with your child in sentences to help with the application and understanding of each word. You can find copies of these spellings on our class webpage.

	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5
Test date	Friday 6 th March	Friday 13 th March	Friday 20 th March	Friday 27 th March
	non-stick  non-profit non-stop pre-soak  pre-set pre-cut pre-plan sincerely soldier twelfth	aquatic  aquarium aquamarine receive  ceiling deceit conceit variety vegetable vehicle	wrinkle  wrap whole wrong  sword answer wreath symbol system awkward	aisle  isle affect  guessed  guest led lead bargain competition curiosity