



# Year 5 Newsletter



Children start to line-up at 8.45 and should be in their classroom by 8.55. Please ensure your child is here on time to experience all our amazing learning.

**Class teachers:**  
**Mrs Crabtree (Mon, Tues, Weds)**  
**Miss Nazir (Thurs, Fri)**  
**Learning Mentor: Mrs Battersby**

Please contact the school on 01274 545743 to discuss any matters or to arrange an appointment with us.

**In Year 5 we are going to be the best we can be!**

Welcome back to a new academic year at St. William's. We hope you had a fantastic summer holiday and are fully rested and ready for the year ahead. We have a busy and exciting term planned. If you have any questions, please talk to us and we look forward to working in partnership with you to enable us to be the best we can be.

## ENGLISH

Our class novel this half term is *The Witches* by the fantastic Roald Dahl. We will cover a range of genres such as diaries, reports and instructional writing where the children will not only create their very own Formula 86 but write instructions to go with it! We will explore the different techniques that can be used to make fictional writing exciting to read and we will develop our use of language by using a variety of adjectives, verbs and adverbs in our writing.



## MATHS

We begin the year looking at place value including reading, writing, ordering and comparing numbers as well as rounding and negative numbers. From there we move onto studying the four operations in detail – looking at using addition, subtraction, multiplication and division to solve word problems. Children will be expected to use the correct formal methods which can be found in our school calculation policy.



## SCIENCE

During Science we will be looking at the Animals including Humans topic. We will be describing the changes as humans develop to old age. We will be reporting findings from enquiries, including oral and written explanations of results in the context of the gestation period for animals.



## RE

Our RE topic for this half term is Creation. We will know about the stories of Creation and the Fall from the Bible and reflect on their importance. We will understand that God calls us to care for Creation and know about some of God's great helpers including St. Teresa of Avila and St Martin de Porres.



## PE

We are studying Basketball and Gymnastics this half term and this will be delivered by Mrs Battersby on Wednesday and Friday afternoons. PE kit consists of a white t-shirt, black shorts or dark coloured tracksuit bottoms/leggings (when outside) and black pumps. Please make sure that your child has all of their PE kit in school on the correct days and that it is clearly labelled.



## IPC

Our theme for this half-term is going to be 'Brainwaves'. We are going to focus on the 'art of learning'! We will take part in different activities exploring positive learning and think about how this can help to achieve success. We will learn about some of the different areas of the brain, look at the different methods of teaching and look at different strategies we can use to prepare us for learning.



## SPANISH

In Year 5, your child will receive weekly Spanish lessons for 30 mins. These lessons will focus on listening and speaking Spanish and inter-cultural understanding.



## PSHCE

During this half term, we will be thinking about our Health and Wellbeing. We will be exploring questions such as, 'how can we keep ourselves fit and healthy?', 'is it possible to be responsible and still be independent?' and 'how can we be more assertive?'



## Homework

As well as reading every night, children will be expected to learn spellings and maths facts every week. Children will receive weekly Maths and English homework to be handed in by Tuesday. Homework Club will continue every Friday at 12.30pm to support pupils/families.



## Reading

Children are expected to read with an adult EVERY night. Please take just 5-10 minutes to listen to them read and discuss their book before writing in their reading record.

