

# Year 5 Newsletter

## St Bernard's RC Primary School

Miss Whittingham  
Autumn 1 2018



### Welcome!

To parents and carers,

A huge welcome to Year 5 for children and parents/carers! We have a fantastic year planned for all to enjoy. Read on to see what we will be studying throughout the Autumn term. Look out for WILF checkers and Maths targets that your child will be covering in the coming weeks.

In addition, Spelling Shed and Timestable Rockstars log ins have been stuck into the back of homework books to aid home learning.

Our **Meet the Teacher** meeting will be held in the Year 5 classroom on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> September at 3.15-3.45pm. All are welcome to attend!

**Parental conferences** will take place on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October (2.30pm-4.30pm) and Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October (2.30pm-6.30pm). There will be **NO** Open Session this half term due to Parental Conferences.

**Homework** will be given out every Thursday/Friday before the end of the week and will be collected and marked every Monday morning. This will include weekly Maths and Topic homework.

**Spellings** will be written down Monday mornings into spelling books, giving ample time to practise throughout the week, ready for weekly tests on Friday. Spelling Shed is also available online for practicing the Year 5/6 spelling list.

**PE sessions** will take place every Monday morning and Thursday afternoon. This term we will be covering Basketball with a focus of Send and Receive skills.

### Autumn 1 Topic

#### **Alchemy Island**

It's time to suspend your disbelief and open your mind. We're going on a magical journey to Alchemy Island! Can you find the gold hidden deep in the island's mysterious landscape? The only way is to study the map, unravel the riddle and begin your adventure.

- Science – Properties and changes of materials.
- Geography – Map reading/using coordinates/human and physical features.
- Music – Composing/recording and editing software.
- D&T – Electrical circuits.
- Computing – Basic Skills/internet safety.
- French – Ourselves.

**English lessons** will be in keeping of Alchemy Island, where our class novel is Harry Potter and The Philosopher's Stone. We will focus on both Fiction and Non-fiction. Each week we will also cover spelling, grammar, handwriting and Guided Reading.

**In Maths** we will continue to build on methods focused on last year. Year 5 will use a wider range of written and mental strategies and we will cover a range of mathematical topics such as place value, addition/subtraction and multiplication/division.

In **RE**, our focus will be on creation, the story of Genesis and the importance of looking after the world that God created.

**Reading books** are changed as often as needed and please write in your child's reading record when you read together. We also check the children's knowledge of times tables regularly as this knowledge is essential for understanding in Maths lessons so please can you use the times table card and **Times Table Rockstars** sent home at the beginning of the year to practice times tables with your child(ren).

If you would like to speak to me regarding anything please contact the school office to make an appointment.

Thank you for your continued support,

*Miss Whittingham & Mrs Patterson*

Year 5 Team

