

Year 5 Newsletter

St Bernard's RC Primary School

Miss Whittingham
Autumn 2 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.

This term's **Open Session** will be taking place on Friday 14th December, 3.00 – 3.30pm, where all are welcome to come and find out about our Fallen Fields topic!

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 Speed, Agility, Quickness and Dance.

Autumn 2 Topic

Fallen Fields

The sun sets on the battlefields of France and a solitary bugle sounds the 'Last Post'. We will always remember the fallen.

Known as the 'War to end all wars' the First World War was a conflict that had a devastating effect on millions of people across the world.

- Science – Investigation skills/ Microbes
- History – First World War
- Music – War time songs/ Contemporary songs about War.
- Art and Design – Making poppies
- Computing – Digital Literacy
- French – Family and Friends

English lessons will be in keeping with Fallen Fields, where our class novel is 'Private Peaceful'. 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 Addition/Subtraction, Translation of shapes and decimals.

In **RE**, our focus will be on The Ten Commandments, looking into their meanings and what it means to follow them.

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

