

St Joseph's Primary

Curriculum Overview



Year 5 – St Philip Howard Class

Spring Term 2019



Overview of the Year 5 curriculum for the Autumn Term.

ENGLISH- Speaking and Listening: This term, we will be reading The Graveyard Book by Neil Gaiman together as a whole class. We will regularly work in groups, using drama to support our understanding of texts and enable opportunities to speak and share ideas. For example, we will use our learning of Greek myths to perform stories and share our own.

Writing: We will be focusing on parts of sentences, recognising when to use simple, compound and complex, as well as identifying different uses of sentences. This will be further developed as we write our own Greek myths and legends. Handwriting will continue to be a key focus. Spellings will be tested every Tuesday.

Reading: The children take part in regular Guided Reading activities which include reading our class book, engaging in class discussions and regular comprehension tasks. We are encouraging children to read at home as often as possible, recording this in their reading record.

MATHS - Multiplication and Division – This term, we will continue to build on what we began in the Autumn term. This includes focusing on multiplying up to 4-digits by 2-digits. It will also include dividing 4-digits by 1-digit and dividing with remainders.

Fractions – This is a large focus of year 5. Here, we will be learning to find equivalent fractions, utilise both improper and mixed numbers, compare and order fractions, add and subtract fractions, and add and subtract mixed numbers. We will also move on to multiplying unit and non-unit fractions by integers. Finally, we will be finding fractions of amounts and find ways to use fractions as operators.

Decimals and Percentages – We will be working with decimals up to two decimal places, recognising decimals as fractions, and working to understand thousandths. We will also work on rounding, comparing and ordering decimals and exploring percentages as both fractions and decimals.

SCIENCE - Science will be taught in the second half of the term and will be as practical as possible. Children will have the opportunity this term to learn about forces.

RE – RE continues to form a core part of our curriculum here at St Joseph's. Please refer to the previous newsletter regarding an overview for the 'Come and See' programme.

HISTORY AND GEOGRAPHY – In History this term, we will be exploring European history with a focus on the Ancient Greeks. We even have the opportunity to learn Greek! Our research will involve an investigation of what we have benefited from the Greeks, their literary history, philosophical and creative input and a focus on daily life. In Geography, we will be looking at how Ancient Greece influenced Europe, as well as an exploration of its culture with a comparison to British culture.

PE – Monday This half term, some of Year 5 will be swimming on Monday afternoon. Those not attending will be doing PE together with Year 4, led by Miss Pippa.

Friday – Miss Pippa will continue to lead Friday sessions with a variety of sports and skills.

ART and D&T – This will be led by Mrs Hill, who has come up with some incredible activities based on Ancient Greece, including mosaic work, pottery and painting!

MUSIC – Mrs Brownbill takes a weekly whole school Hymn Practise to provide practise and application of singing skills. Mrs Brownbill will also take one music lesson on a Friday morning to support this further.

German – On Wednesday afternoons, children will learn German with Miss Pashkevich with a focus on nouns.

ICT Computing will be integrated in subjects where we will focus on research, typing skills and creation of classroom resources for us to share.

HOMWORK –

English and maths homework will be given out every Thursday and expected back on the following Tuesday.

A homework club will be offered on Mondays during lunchtime. Those children who do not return the homework by Tuesday morning will be required to complete their homework during lunchtimes and Golden Time on a Friday afternoon. Children need to be aware of the school rule that homework not returned on time is not acceptable. If there are difficulties or concerns with the homework, parents are welcome to contact the class teacher, Miss Pashkevich.

A high standard is expected and we want the class to be proud of their books.

This means using a pencil, writing out the WALT and date clearly, making sure the question is clear. In English, at least a page of their neatest handwriting is expected. In Maths, it is expected that children write out the question and answer fully, showing their working out neatly. Children might be asked to redo work if it is not up to standard. Please encourage your children to present their best each week in their homework!

Do come in and see some of their incredible homework on display!

Thank you for your continuing support.

*Miss Pashkevich, Ms. Pierce, Miss Vowels, Mrs. Hill and
Miss Hill.*