

Year 5 Newsletter

St Bernard's RC Primary School

Miss Whittingham
Spring 2 2019



Welcome!

To parents and carers,

A huge Welcome to Spring 2 in Year 5 for children and parents/carers! We have had a fantastic year so far. Read on to see what we will be studying throughout the Spring 2 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 29th March, 3.00 – 3.30pm, where all are welcome to come and find out about our Stargazers topic!

Parental Conferences will take place on Tuesday 5th March and Wednesday 6th March.

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 Tactics and Strategies/Gymnastics.

Spring 2 Topic

Pharaohs

Lets travel back 5000 years to the dusty realms of Ancient Egypt. Cruise along the Nile, entering a world of mysteries and curses, mummies and kings. Find out about life on the river's fertile banks, discovering Egypt and its fascinating culture. Unravel the secrets of ancient tomb, using historical sources and age-old artefacts. Find out about powerful pharaohs and grandiose gods!

- Science – Properties and the Changing of Materials
- History – Ancient Egypt
- Music – Singing Skills.
- Design and Technology – Clay Water Carriers/Model tombs and pyramids.
- Computing – Computer Science
- French – School Life

English lessons will be in keeping with Pharaohs, where our class novel is 'Secrets of a Sun King'. 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 Fractions, Decimals and Statistics.

In **RE**, our focus will be on Reconciliation looking at the sacrament of Reconciliation in church and understanding sin.

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

