

RE and Values

In RE this half term, we will be focusing on the key question:

'What do the miracles of Jesus teach?'

We will be discussing our own personal beliefs in miracles and any personal experiences. We will also be thinking about what the miracles of Jesus teach us and how they can guide us through life.



In Values, we will be looking at **'Being me and my world'** which focuses on our year ahead in year 5 as well as each child's place in our school and wider community.

Homework

Homework will be handed out each week on a **Friday** with the expectation that it will be returned to school by **Tuesday**.

Times Tables Rockstars

A copy of your log in to Times Tables Rockstars log in is at the back of your homework book. Keep practicing at home!

Spellings

A sheet with ten spellings to be learnt for the following **Friday** will be handed out every Friday afternoon.

Informal spelling tests will take place every Friday afternoon based on the ten words children have been practising that week. Every four weeks, children will complete a spelling test of ten words which will be

Spanish

Year 5 will be continuing to learn Spanish this year and their unit this half term is the **'Home'**. We will be focussing on learning how to say members of the family, describe people in their family and to name pets.

Key vocabulary:

Mother— madre
Father—Padre
Sister—hermana
Brother—hermano



St John and St James C of E Primary School Class Newsletter

Welcome to back to school and to Year 5!

It is a pleasure to welcome you all back to school! I hope you had an enjoyable summer holidays and are looking forward to an exciting year ahead in year 5.

Our year 5 teaching team this year will be:

Miss Tinmouth
Miss Barret
Mrs Mann
Mr Lafebre

If you have any concerns or questions regarding the curriculum or the year ahead, feel free to organise a meeting with an adult from the year 5 teaching team and we will be happy to help.

Accelerated Reader

Accelerated reading is on **Monday**.

Please remember to bring your AR book into school everyday.



PE

PE is on **Friday**.

Please remember to bring in full PE kits on this days.

The focus this term will be netball.



Science

Our science unit this half term is:

'Living things and their habitats'

We will be conducting practical scientific enquiries every lesson and learning all about:

- The structure of a flowering plant
- The functions of different parts of a flowering plant
- The life cycle of a plant
- Reproduction in flowering and non-flowering plants
- The life cycles of insects, amphibians, mammals and birds

Key vocabulary we will be using is: reproduce, sexual, fertilises, live young, metamorphosis, asexual, plantlets, bulbs, cuttings, gestation

At home, you could try growing your own plants from taking cuttings.



English

We will be beginning the academic year by studying **fairy tales**. With a focus on **Hans Christian Andersen's, 'The Little Matchstick Girl'**. We will be studying the main features of and writing our own versions this classic fairy tale .

After studying fairy tales, our class reader will be: **'The Roman Quests' by Caroline Lawrence**



Our writing will be based on our class reading and our learning in history. We will start with writing an information text on The Roman Empire and then write a diary entry.

Our SPAG focuses will be:

- The difference between a phrase and a clause
- Recognising main and subordinate clauses
- Writing complex sentences using a range of punctuation
- Using prepositional phrases as sentence starters

History

This half term in history, we are learning about:

'The Romans'

We will be focusing on:

- The invasions of Roman Britain
- The Roman Empire and its demise
- Roman emperors
- Life in the Roman army
- Life as a Roman in Roman towns and the countryside
- Hackney in the Roman times

Key vocabulary we will be using is: empire, invade, conquer, century, polytheism, emperor

I can't wait to see the amazing humanities homework you will complete on the Romans—the best pieces of homework will be added to our humanities classroom display.



Maths

The fundamentals that we will be focusing on this half term are:

Place Value

*Reads, writes, orders, compares up to 1,000,000 (knowing value of each digit).

*Reads Roman numerals to 1000 (M) (recognising years in Roman numerals.)

Addition and Subtraction

*+ - whole & decimal numbers more than 4 digits (including using column method).

In year 5, children are expected to be very fluent with their timetables and division facts up to 12x. This facilitates their learning of more complex skills that occur in the year 5 curriculum.

Please take any opportunity you have to practice times tables with your child.