



Welcome to the Year 5 Class Newsletter! Summer Term 1



Book Talk

Our Year 5 class text for this half term is "Parvana's Journey." Parvana's father has died, and her mother, sister and brother have gone to a faraway wedding, not knowing what has happened to the father. Parvana doesn't know where they are. She just knows she has to find them. She sets out alone, disguised as a boy, her journey becoming more perilous as the bombs begin to fall. Making her way across the desolate Afghan countryside, she meets other children who have been caught up in the war-an infant boy in a bombed-out village, a nine-year-old girl who believes she has magical powers over land mines, and a boy with one leg. The children travel together because it is easier than being alone. And, as they forge their own family in the war zone that Afghanistan has become, their resilience, imagination and luck help them to survive.

English



This half term we will be exploring a dilemma in a narrative, a diary entry and a playscript using "Aladdin and the magic lamp" as a model text.

Key vocabulary, spellings, punctuation and grammar are revisited daily, children are immersed in spelling rules and they explore new words in context.

We will also be having a real focus on our handwriting so please keep writing!

Maths -

Converting units of measure

- Convert between metric units of length, mass and capacity and units of time

Know and use approximate conversion between imperial and metric

Calculating with whole numbers and decimals

- Mental strategies to add and subtract involving decimals
- Formal written strategies to add, subtract and multiply involving decimals
- Multiply and divide decimal numbers by ten, 100 and 1,000
- Derive addition, subtraction and multiplication facts involving decimals

Remember to rise to the **TT Rockstars** challenge as well as **Mathletics**. Each task or minute will really help

R.E. - To the ends of the earth

We hear, we believe, we celebrate, and we live through Christ Jesus. We'll be delving deeper into scripture this term.

1. Pentecost
2. The Holy Spirit
3. The Holy Spirit in Art
4. Confirmation
5. Christm
6. The gifts of the Holy Spirit
7. The effects of Confirmation
8. Discipleship and Mary
9. St Francis and St Clare
10. Disciples today
11. The Glorious Mysteries
12. Revision

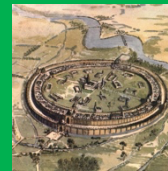


History

Our history topic this half term is all about Baghdad and the Middle East:

Let's investigate...

- How the round city of Baghdad was built
- The technological advances made during the Golden Age of Islam
- How Baghdad became a centre of learning: focusing on the House of Wisdom, astronomy and the Arabic number system
- Analyse a range of primary sources to learn about Baghdad's art and culture
- Comparison of the capital city of Baghdad to Yorkshire at 900 AD.
- Understanding Baghdad's decline



Science - Life cycles

- The difference between sexual and asexual reproduction
- The process of pollination and the role it plays in the lifecycle of a flowering plant
- How plants reproduce both sexually and asexually
- How different animals produce offspring
- How lifecycles differ between animals
- How and why gestation periods differ between animals
- What a naturalist is and why David Attenborough is considered significant



Computing - iModel

Our computing topic this half term will be helping us to understand graphical modelling in three-dimensional space (3D). We'll explore working with 3D shapes and design and build a model of our ideal school playground.



Physical Education

In this half term we will be visiting the swimming pool. Here we will learn to swim competently, confidently and proficiently over a distance of at least 25 metres, while using a range of strokes effectively [for example, front crawl, backstroke and breaststroke]. We will also perform safe self-rescue in different water-based situations.



Prayer and liturgy

This half term, we celebrate the season of Easter, the Resurrection of Christ and his victory over sin and death. It is a season of great joy, new life and hope. The children will plan and deliver their own 'Celebrations of the Word' for their peers.



A Prayer for the Summer Term

Dear God,

Let us revel in summer.

Let us soak up the long days and warm sun.

May our feet walk on sandy beaches and our heads rest on thick grass under blue skies.

May we listen to and marvel at the singing of the birds and stop to watch blissful children at play

This summer, God, may our breathing slow and our hearts open. God help us to be present to all that is so that we might best see all that might be.

Amen x

Please remember that the homework tasks are really important as they help us to embed our learning into our long term memories. These are due in every Monday, don't forget your homework book and your swimming kit on a TUESDAY!

We are looking forward to sharing our work with you during the Summer Term!