



**Welcome to the Year 5 Class
Newsletter!
Spring Term 1**



Book Talk

Our Year 5 class text for this half term is the 'Asha and the Spirit Bird'.

Inspired by the spirit of her grandmother in the form of a lamagaia bird, Asha decides to set off on a dangerous journey, to find her father and bring him home before money-lenders make them penniless. Throughout this warm, comforting story, religious faith and spiritual beliefs provide an anchor for Asha.

English

This half term we will be exploring our planet earth and learning about how mountains, volcanoes and earthquakes are formed.

We will then write 'Explanation texts' on Mountains, Volcanoes or Earthquakes, Cinquain poems based on a volcano erupting and finish off with Setting descriptions of an area in one of these areas.

Geography

Our geography topic this half term is all about Asia: Let's investigate...

1. Where is Asia on a globe and what can we find about Asia? How does this compare to the UK?
2. What are mountain ranges and how are they formed?
3. What are volcanoes and how are they formed?
4. What are classed as natural disasters and how do they occur?
5. What is the impact of volcanoes erupting?



Maths – Fractions and decimals

- Read, write, order and compare decimals
- Round decimals to the nearest whole number
- Represent, identify, name, write, order and compare fractions (including improper and mixed numbers)
- Calculate fractions of amounts

Angles

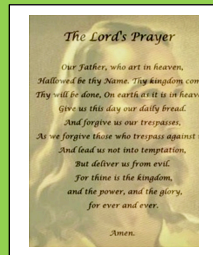
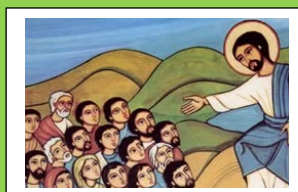
- Classify, compare and order angles
- Measure and draw angles with a protractor
- Understand and use angle facts to calculate missing angles.

Remember to rise to the TT Rockstars challenge as knowing your times tables will really help!

R.E. – From Galilee to Jerusalem

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

- The Beatitudes from the Sermon on the Mount (Matt 5:1-12)
- Jesus summarises the law (the great commandment) (Matt 22:36-40, Lk 10:27)
- A parable about living out Jesus' law (e.g., The Good Samaritan (Lk 10:25-37))
- The Transfiguration (Matt 17:1-13)
- Our Father prayer (Matt 6:7-13)



There will be a range of active prayer and liturgy daily for children to gather and pray.

RSE
Within RSE we will be focusing on
* Body image
* Feeling emotional
* Changes
* Making babies

Science – Materials

What properties do materials have?
What is a conductor?
How do materials respond to magnets?
Which materials are soluble?
What factors affect dissolving?
How do we separate a mixture using filtration?

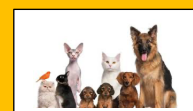
Music

Let's play the 'Blues' together!



Spanish

Do you have pets? Let's find out what the Spanish words are for our animals.



Art and Design

We will be learning about the features of installation art and how it can communicate a message; exploring the work of Cai Guo-Qiang and discovering how our life experiences can inspire our art; investigating how scale, location and interactive elements affect the way visitors experience installation art.

Computing

Our computing topic this half term will be iCrypto where we will be focusing on the form of text, sound and pictures can be combined to make digital content and communicate with an audience

Physical Education

In this half term we will be concentrating on gymnastics. Can you roll, jump and balance?

A Prayer for the Spring Term

Dear God,

May the sunlight and the rain be reminders that You are at work renewing the earth. As a God of renewal, You are ever at work in our lives, too. Open our eyes and lives to the needed changes in our lives this Spring. Awaken us to new life and perspective, for we pray in Jesus' name. Amen x

Please remember that the homework tasks are really important as they help us to embed our learning into our long term memories. Due in every Monday.
We are looking forward to sharing our work with you during the Spring Term!