



St. Anne's Catholic Primary School

Welcome to Year 5!



Dear Parents/Carers.

This is an important year for Year 5 as they prepare for their final year in Primary School. We expect the children to display a good attitude to learning and show the desire to achieve their potential. It is important that they try their best in all areas of the curriculum and present all work as neatly as possible.

Mr C Knowles & Miss A Disley

### Year 5 Curriculum Themes

#### Autumn Term:

The first half of the Autumn Term is **Healthy Body, Healthy Minds**. In Science we focus on animals, including humans. Looking at the development of different animals and making comparisons. While in Geography we identify the countries within the United Kingdom and the river system. The children will then research different landmarks to produce a class magazine.

The second part of the Autumn term is **Our World**. In History we will be learning about Early Islamic Civilization-Baghdad AD 900. While in Science we will focus on properties and changes in materials, including reversible and irreversible changes.

#### Spring Term

The first half of the Spring Term is **We are Explorers!** During this topic we will be exploring Earth and Space in Science, including researching the planets & solar system. In Design and Technology the children will be creating rockets and planets, using a range of different materials and techniques.

The second half of the Spring Term is **Animal Kingdom**. We will be exploring the Amazon Rainforest, identifying the wide range of animals and looking at how humans have been making drastic changes to the Amazon Rainforest and what this means for all of us.



### Summer Term

The first half of the Summer Term is **We are Scientists!** During this term we have an amazing Design and Technology project, where the children design inventions in groups, which will help to solve everyday problems. They then present their inventions to a Dragon's Den style panel. While in Science, the children will focus on forces and their impact on everyday situations.

The second part of the Summer Term is **We are creative!** During this topic the children will learn about the Ancient Greeks, including Gods and Goddesses, plus how the Ancient Greeks lived. They will be exploring the artist Andy Goldsworthy and creating our own sculptures.

### Year 5 PE

The PE lesson days will change each term to accommodate the sports coaches, tennis lessons at Ormskirk Tennis Club and swimming. In the Autumn Term the PE days will be Wednesdays and Fridays. All children should come to school dressed in their PE kit on these days, and may wear trainers as PE will take place outdoors as much as possible. Please ensure that earrings are not worn and long hair is tied back.



### Homework

Homework will be given on Fridays using Class Charts, to be completed online by the following Friday.

Each week there will be Spellings to learn for tests on Fridays in Spelling Shed, and either SPAG, Comprehension or Maths tasks to be completed on Century.

Occasionally, additional tasks will be set, such as Design and Technology research and Purple Mash.



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### Mobile Phones

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In Year 5 we only allow children to bring mobile phones to school if they are going to stay overnight with a different relative or walking home with an older sibling. These must be switched off whilst children are in school and handed to their teacher to mind for them during the day. The school does not accept any responsibility for the devices.



### Communication

#### Questions and Concerns

If you need to speak to us, please contact us through the School Office to make an appointment.

Thank you.

Mr Knowles and Miss Disley.