



# St. Anne's Catholic Primary School

## Welcome to Year 5!



Dear Parents, Carers and children,

We are delighted to welcome you to Year 5—we look forward to getting to know you all. Year 5 will experience a huge list of learning opportunities, which we hope you will take full advantage of.

We are here to support you all in having a wonderful learning year. This means focusing on own personal achievements and celebrating progress. We look forward to helping you reach your targets and your maximum potential. Throughout the year, we will support you to develop resilience, confidence and self-belief.

Remember—you miss 100% of the shots you never take!

### Year 5 Curriculum Themes

#### Autumn Term—Creation and Covenant

The term will begin with our theme '*Healthy Bodies, Healthy Minds.*' This is a Science based topic which focuses on the human life-cycle. We will learn about the development of humans from fertilisation to old age. We will also study the UK within the context of continents and developing our location knowledge. In RE we study what makes us unique in God's eyes and Judaism.

#### Prophecy and Promise

After half term, we will study Baghdad. During this topic, the children will explore the development of this great city 1000 years ago and the strata of civilization. In Science we will study changing states of matter, conducting experiments on freezing, melting and solidifying. In RE we look at the mass and especially the Mystery of Faith, plus, of course, Advent/Christmas.

#### Spring Term—Galilee To Jerusalem

The Spring term is full of lots of exciting learning opportunities as the children explore mapwork, Ordnance Survey maps and globes. In Science we study Space, the planets and heliocentric ideas. In RE we study our Mission in life.

#### Desert to Garden

The second part of the Spring term will focus on 'Animal Kingdom' where we will learn about the fabulous Amazon Rainforest including comparing Brazil to England. In Science we study animal life-cycles and compare them to each other. In RE we look at sacrifice and the way we give ourselves to God and each other.



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### Summer Term—To the End of the Earth

The Summer term theme is '**We are Scientists**'. The children will investigate plants and their life-cycles—we compare pollination to non-pollinating plants, such as strawberry plants. In History, we study Ancient Greece with their myths. In RE we study Pentecost and the work of the Holy Spirit.

### Dialogue and Encounter

The final topic for Year 5 in the second half of the Summer Term is '**We are Creative**'. We shall be studying the legacy of Ancient Greece and its impact on our lives today with close reference to the Olympics and democracy. In Science we study forces and magnetism and in RE we look at being good stewards of our planet. Finally we make bridges and cars out of wood, Greek sculptures out of clay and tie-dye shirts ready for our Year 5 camping festival. We hope the children will love all of this.

### Year 5 PE

During the Autumn Term we will have PE sessions on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon. We would like the children to come **in to school** in their full school PE kit on both days with their school jumper/cardigan over the top to keep them warm during the school day. Trainers or black pumps should also be worn with the PE kit. Please make sure your child has a water bottle.

On Tuesdays the children are attending weekly tennis sessions on a Tuesday afternoon. The children will need to be dressed warmly including their PE kits.



The children will be given their English or Maths tasks on a Friday. Homework is handed in on the next Friday.

### Spellings and Times Tables

Spellings will be given out on a Friday and will be linked to the National Curriculum and No Nonsense Spelling (our school spelling scheme). We will focus on the Year 5/6 Statutory Spelling List. Spellings will be tested on a Friday.

Times tables will also be given out on Friday and tested on the following Friday. The times tables will change each week. It is important that children know their times tables and are able to relay facts quickly. The children will complete 15 minutes of TTRS each week.

### Reading

The children will choose their own reading book and will be expected to read at least three times a week. They will also read every day in class.



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### Equipment for Year 5

School uniform, book bags and coats should all be clearly labelled please!

Colouring books and pencil cases for wet play are welcomed.

Please send in water bottles every day– only water during the day!



### Communication

It is extremely important for the staff, parents and pupils to build up a partnership in September. Our weekly award winners will be shared on the school Twitter page.

We will also provide half termly Knowledge Organisers and emails for important reminders will continue to be sent home.

Please read the weekly newsletters to find out what we have been up to in class and to receive important dates of events happening in school.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact us through the school office. We really care greatly about your child and appreciate your continued support.

Warmest regards,

The Year 5 Staff

Mr Knowles & Mr Batchelor

