



Year 5 Curriculum Newsletter

Spring Term (1) 2025: Mrs Nicklin and Mrs Cassidy



Dear parents,

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a happy new year. 2026 – The year of the horse; let's jump right in!

Our new topic for this half term is based on 'AMAZON', which I am sure will both enthuse and motivate your children. We will think about the question 'How is the Amazon amazing?' and this theme will continue for the full spring term right up to Easter. A further parent newsletter will be shared before Spring 2.

Religious Education - Come and See: Taught by Mrs Nicklin

1. MISSION - Continuing Jesus' mission in diocese (ecumenism)
2. MEMORIAL SACRIFICE - Eucharist as the living memorial of Christ's sacrifice



PSHE: Taught by Mrs Nicklin

In PSHE this half term we will be covering:

1. How can everyday life choices affect our health? This will be surrounding adult's and children's views about keeping healthy including smoking.
2. How do we treat each other? Again, including adult's and children's views, feelings and inclusion and acceptance of one another.

English:

Stories from other cultures – South American stories e.g. Journey to the River Sea, The Great Kapok Tree and The Vanishing Rainforest.

Debate – This unit will allow the children to participate in debates surrounding their Geography work based on the Amazon, whilst providing reasoned justifications for their views. Throughout this unit the children will explore the aspects of persuasive speech and select appropriate grammar and vocabulary to strengthen their debates. The outcome will be an opportunity for the pupils to perform their debate.

Ongoing English: Vocabulary, grammar and punctuation will be taught within the English lessons. Guided reading, spellings and handwriting will also continue.

Mathematics - This half term our key learning will focus on:

- Multiplication and division
- Fractions
- Decimals and percentages



Science: Taught by Mrs Nicklin

Throughout this half term we will be focusing upon living things and their habitats.

Computing: Taught by Mrs Garrett

This half term the learning will be based on 'Data Handling'.

Geography: Taught by Mrs Nicklin

Over this half term the children will study the geography of the Amazon Basin which is the region of South America drained by the Amazon River and its tributaries. As most of the region is covered by tropical rainforest (biome) they will learn about this.



DT: Taught by Mrs Cassidy

Mechanical systems: Gears and pulleys

PE:

PE will be taught by Mr McVittie on a Tuesday afternoon. Please could you make sure your child comes to school in a full PE kit to ensure they can participate in the lesson.

Mrs Moss, a PE teacher from Holy Cross will also be taking Year 5 for an hour of PE and to help with High School transition on a Thursday afternoon for this half term too. Please could you make sure your child comes to school in a full PE kit to ensure they can participate in the lesson.

French: French will continue to be delivered by Madame Russell on a Tuesday afternoon. Topics will include the Epiphany story and tradition; talk about my friends and to be/to have.



Reading: Please encourage your child to read for 20 minutes each day. When they have finished their reading book, they will need to complete a brief review in their home reading record. As some of the books are a lot thicker in the higher stages, we understand these will take longer to read. Please continue to spend time listening to your child read when possible and ask them questions linked to the text.

Spellings: Spellings will be set each Friday and should be revised for a test at the end of the following week (Friday). These will be set on ClassDojo.

Times Table Rockstars: Remember to encourage your child to keep using TTRS or other times tables games. Completion of this will be checked each Friday.

Notes for Parents

- Please ensure you read any correspondence sent by the school office or myself on ClassDojo.
- Any certificates and medals which your child wishes to share in Awards Assembly on a Friday may be brought in.
- Children are encouraged to bring a water bottle to school each day which should be full and then taken home to be washed.
- We continue to encourage children to bring a healthy snack at break Monday – Friday.

I hope this outline is of some help to you, as we venture to work together for the best education for your child. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me via Dojo or the school office.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Nicklin and Mrs Cassidy

With Christ, we live, love, learn and grow.