



Year 5 Autumn Newsletter 2023



Welcome back! We are really happy to have you back in school and we are looking forward to the year ahead. We have been working hard to plan lots of interesting lessons and activities for you. Here is an overview of what will be happening this term.

Year 5 Team:

St. Thomas'

Mrs Claydon & Mrs Clark (Teachers)
Mr Browning & Mr Laurent (TA)


St. Teresa's

Mr Groome (Teacher)
Mrs Williams (TA)

The School Day

Please bring in a school bag / rucksack which should have your reading book, reading record and a water bottle. If you are bringing in a snack for break time, please ensure that it is a **healthy snack, such as a piece of fruit**. Remember to also bring your lunch box (if you aren't having school dinners).

Homework Expectations

	Reading	Spelling	Grammar	Maths	Times Tables	R.E.
Year 5 	Reading daily for 15-20 minutes using the school library book.	Spelling Shed (You will have 10 words to revise - use Spelling Shed as much as you can).	CGP Grammar Book 2 pages to be assigned by the class teacher each week.	Maths Shed (Using your Ed Shed login).	Times table Rock Stars (As much as you can).	Complete weekly page in the homework diary linking to the weekly Gospel reading.

Where to access the homework:

*Maths homework: We are using Maths Shed - Please use the Ed Shed login:

<https://www.edshed.com/>.

*Spelling homework: This can be found on Ed Shed - <https://www.edshed.com/> (There is also a Spelling Shed app).

*Times Table Rock Stars: <https://trockstars.com/> (There is also an app).

Reading homework

We expect our pupils to read for 15-20 minutes per day to support their learning at school. Through reading and hearing stories, children are exposed to a wide range of words. This helps them build their own vocabulary and improve their understanding when they read, which is vital as they continue to develop their narrative writing. The children will have a book from the school library which needs to be brought in each day. Reading records need to be signed and brought in daily too.

RE: As we start the new school year, it has been great finding out what the children's hopes are going forward. They have thought carefully about our faith and being guided by Jesus. The children have written individual prayers about their wishes and they are displayed in our 'Corridor of Prayers'.



For the Autumn Term, our first RE topic is called 'Ourselves'. We will look at our beliefs, talents and qualities and how we use them. We will show how our beliefs and values affect our love and care of each other.

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A prayer from St. Thomas:

Grant me, O Lord my God,
a mind to know you,
a heart to seek you,
wisdom to find you,
conduct pleasing to you,
faithful perseverance in waiting for you. Amen.



A prayer from St. Teresa:

Let nothing disturb you,
let nothing frighten you.
God never changes;
patience obtains all things,
whoever has God lacks nothing.
God alone suffices. Amen.

English: Our English texts this term are: 'Secrets of a Sun King' by Emma Carroll and 'The Highwayman' by Alfred Noyes.



Science: In science we will be looking at Animals (Including humans) and Reversible and Irreversible Changes.

CLC: Our CLC topics will be 'How is Egypt different to Britain?' and 'Can we make a movie?'

PE:

St. Thomas' Class = P.E. lessons will be on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

St. Teresa's Class = P.E. lessons will be on Mondays and Wednesdays.

Please ensure that your child comes into school on their PE days wearing the correct PE kit - see the school website for the correct PE kit list.

We encourage children to come to school with a refillable water bottle to keep hydrated throughout the day.



Medical and SEND information

We ask that any medication or asthma pumps are in school. Any medical or SEND information needs to be emailed to the school office - Addressed to Mrs Butler.

Important dates

Thursday 5th October - Harvest Mass

Tuesday 10th October - World Mental Health Day

Friday 13th October - Wellbeing Day - Non-Uniform

Monday 16th October - Parents' Evening (St. Thomas' & St. Teresa's)

Tuesday 17th October - Year 5 Assembly & St. Teresa's Parents' Evening

Thursday 19th October - St. Thomas' Parents' Evening & International Day

Friday 20th October - St. Ursula's Day Mass

October Half-Term Holidays - w/c 23.10.23 - 29.10.23

Wednesday 1st November - All Saints Mass

Thursday 9th November - Remembrance Day Mass

Monday 13th November - Odd Socks Day

Friday 1st December - Advent Penitential Mass

Thursday 7th December - Celebration Afternoon & End of Term Reports

Wednesday 13th December - Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 15th December - KS2 Christmas Concert

Monday 18th December - INSET DAY

Tuesday 19th December - INSET DAY

Thank you for your support and we look forward to working together to help your child be the best that they can be!

From the Year 5 Team