



# Year 5 Autumn Newsletter 2024



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 Hall (Teachers)  
Mrs Ridge & Mrs Daltrey (TA)

### St. Teresa's

Mrs Mahamed (Teacher)  
Mrs Parker (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

CLC	Reading	Spelling	Grammar	Maths	Times Tables	R.E.
Complete 1 piece per term - see CLC homework sheet.	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 will be writing individual prayers about their wishes and they will be 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 'What is it like to live in the Arctic'.



## **PE:**

St. Thomas' & St. Teresa's PE lessons will be on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

**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.**

## 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 12<sup>th</sup> September - New School Year Mass (Year 2-6)  
Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October - Year 3 & Year 5 Harvest Mass  
Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October - Parent Coffee Morning  
Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October - St. Ursula's Day Mass (Years 2-6)  
& Parents' Evening  
Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October - Parents' Evening  
Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October - International Day  
**October Half-Term Holidays - w/c 28.10.24 - 3.11.24**  
Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November - INSET DAY  
Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November - Individual / Sibling Photographs  
Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November - Remembrance Day Assembly (Year 5)  
Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November - Parent Coffee Morning  
Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November - Odd Socks Day  
Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2024 - Pantomime  
Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December - Parent Coffee Morning & Christmas Disco  
Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Jumper Day  
Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December - KS2 Christmas Concert  
Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December - End of Term Reports / Early finish

**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**