

Year 5 Spring Newsletter 2025



Welcome back to all our families after the Christmas break. We hope that you had a happy time celebrating this special season. Thank you for all your kind messages, cards and gifts over the Christmas season - they are greatly appreciated!

We have been working hard to plan lots of interesting lessons and activities. Here is an overview of what will be happening this term.

Homework Expectations

Reading	Spelling	Grammar	Maths	Times Tables	R.E.
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 (At least 15 mins each week).	Complete weekly page in the homework diary linking to the weekly Gospel reading.

Subjects

RE: In January, we are going to be learning about the idea of the Local Church and how this ties in with continuing the mission that Jesus gave his followers. In February, we are going to be learning about the Eucharist, while March is focused on Lent and the Easter story.



English: Our English texts this term are: 'Dragon Rider' by Cornelia Funke and adapted versions of 'Macbeth' by William Shakespeare.

Dragon Rider - The story involves a dragon, a boy and an eventful journey. Firedrake, a brave young dragon, his loyal brownie friend Sorrel and a lonely boy called Ben are united as if by destiny. Together, they embark on a magical journey to find the legendary place where silver dragons can live in peace for ever. With only a curious map and the whispered memories of an old dragon to guide them, they fly across moonlit lands and seas to reach the highest mountains in the world. Along the way, they discover extraordinary new friends in unlikely places and a courage they never knew they had. Just as well, for the greatest enemy of all is never far behind them - a heartless monster from the past who's been waiting a very long time to destroy the last dragons on earth.

Macbeth - Macbeth (cartoon illustrated, comic book) is an edited version of one of Shakespeare's most famous plays. The book has been described as, 'The perfect introduction to Shakespeare'. The edited original text is accompanied by a modern English translation throughout. This simplified version puts Shakespeare's work into understandable, contemporary language. Both Shakespeare's text and its modern translation are presented throughout in comic book style. The full colour illustrations have their own intrinsic appeal, but also provide important information about setting, historical context, atmosphere and character.

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Science: In Science we will be covering units looking at 'Forces' and 'Earth and Space'.

CLC: Our CLC topics will be 'What was it like to live in Ancient China?' and 'Who were the Tudors and Stuarts?'

Important dates

Monday 6 th January -	Children return to school & Epiphany Mass
Tuesday 14 th January -	Junior Travel Ambassador Assembly
Friday 7 th February -	Parent Coffee Morning
Monday 10 th - 13 th February -	Parents' Evening Week
Friday 14 th February -	INSET Day = No School for the children
17 th - 23 rd February -	Half Term
Monday 24 th February -	Children return to school
Wednesday 5 th March -	Ash Wednesday Service
Friday 7 th March -	World Book Day Dress Up & Parent Coffee Morning
Tuesday 11 th March -	Olympian Workshop
Friday 14 th March -	Science Dress Up Day
Monday 17 th March -	Space Dome (Year 5)
Wednesday 2 nd April -	Easter Egg Hunt
Thursday 3 rd April -	Easter Mass
Friday 4 th April -	End of Term Reports & Parent Coffee Morning
Monday 7 th - 20 th April -	Easter Holidays
Monday 21 st April -	Easter Monday = Bank Holiday

