



Year 5/6 Autumn Term 26/27

Dear parents/carers,

We hope you had a lovely, restful holiday and that were you were able to enjoy some special time together as a family. It has been wonderful to welcome the children back to school, and we are pleased to see them returning happy, refreshed and ready to learn. Below is an overview of what the children will be learning, in the Autumn term. n

English: Great Expectations (Charles Dickens)

Through reading extracts from and watching clips of *Great Expectations*, the children will immerse themselves in the world of Charles Dickens. They will develop their descriptive writing skills by creating detailed settings and character descriptions, as well as using their imagination and creativity to write their own alternative ending to the story.

RE Topics:

This term in RE will allow children to develop a deeper understanding of their faith, explore scripture and catholic teachings, and reflect on how they can live out their faith in everyday life.

The topics are:

Creation & Covenant

Prophecy & Promise

Maths

Across the Autumn term, Year 5/6 will work on:

- Place Value, addition and subtraction
- Multiplication division (Algebra, Y6)

Science:

We will explore the topics of:

- Living things and their habitats
- Evolution and inheritance

History

In our block of History, we will be looking at:

- Conflict through time
- Crime and punishment

PE

Throughout the Autumn term, Year 5/6 will be working on their dance skills, looking at a range of dance types and getting the opportunity to learn and create choreography!

DT

In Design and Technology, the children will design, build and evaluate their own fairground rides. Throughout the project, they will develop their understanding of mechanisms and engineering principles, making links to their Science learning on forces, including levers and pulleys. They will use creativity, problem-solving skills and practical techniques to create a working model before evaluating its effectiveness and suggesting improvements.

Computing

In computing, we will be looking at computer systems, networks and data collection. Children will also have the opportunity to create their own websites!



Homework

Weekly spellings are shared in the front of the spelling book to support practise in readiness for their **weekly spelling test on a Tuesday**. Results are shared in the back of the book.

As children access a range of text types and lengths, there will be no set day to change books and instead be as and when. However, we will collect reading records in on a Tuesday which should have a comment from a parent/carer or/and the child about what they have read.

A good mix of reading with adults at home and independent reading enables great progress.

Please practise times table rockstars and reading eggspress at home.
Thank you for your support it really does make a huge difference and does not go
Unnoticed.