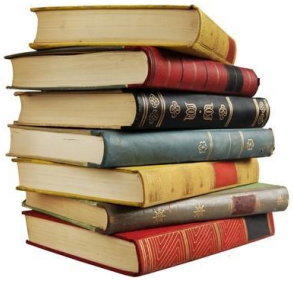
St. Cuthbert's Catholic Primary School
Year 5 Autumn Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the first newsletter of the year and a very special welcome back to all the children. We have had a lovely start and we are really excited to be working alongside the Year 5 families this year. If you have any queries or concerns, please don't hesitate to make an appointment or drop me an email at: Year5@stcuthbertsk.org

English



English work will be linked to our class novel of Great Expectations. We will also be exploring non-fiction texts linked to our Geography and Science topics. Children will also be developing knowledge and skills in grammar, spelling and punctuation (GPS), which will continue to be taught discretely each day. We are especially trying to focus on broadening the vocabulary of the children and we are working hard to add these into our written work.

Spellings

We follow a spelling programme linked to the 'Spelling Shed'. Your child will be given new spellings to learn for a test at the end of each week. Your child will bring a copy of these spellings home in their spelling book and they are available for them to practise on the Spelling Shed. We will be developing the children's understanding and application of the words they bring home; please ensure that this is encouraged and discussed to further their 'home schooling' opportunities.



Maths

The children will work on activities to develop their mathematical knowledge and understanding in 5 key areas:

- ✞ Numbers and the Number System
- ✞ Calculations
- ✞ Reasoning
- ✞ Geometry
- ✞ Statistics



Religious Education

The topics for this term are:

- Covenant and Creation
- Prophecy and promise



Science

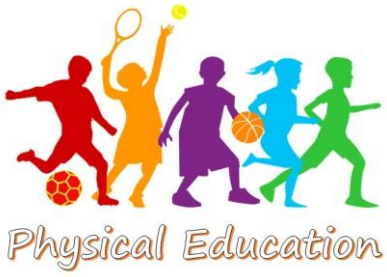
This term Year 5 will be studying topics on 'Earth, Sun and Moon' and 'Gravity, Resistance and Mechanical Forces'.

Foundation Curriculum

This term, Year 5 will learn all about Climate and Energy, in our Geography topics. They will also further their knowledge of computer networks and Creative Media in Computing. We will also dive into a local history study and diverse histories across this term. After October half term children will learn languages and music.

Physical Education

PE will be on a **Monday** this half term, any changes are communicated by the office.



Please ensure that children come to school in their complete kit. Each item must be clearly labelled with your child's name. Some PE sessions, in the future, may take place outside so please consider the weather when deciding to wear shorts (thigh length)/joggers and jumpers. Please ensure that your child has **plain, unbranded** black or navy tracksuit bottoms, a plain white t-shirt/polo shirt and trainers. They must also come to school wearing their school jumper on PE days. No jewellery should be worn including watches. If earrings need to stay in, families must provide their child with plasters. In Year 5 (with the exception of new piercings), earrings should be removed by the child before PE. All long hair must be tied back.

Homework

St Cuthbert's is continuing the current homework policy and asks families to focus on spellings, times tables and reading each week. These are really important skills and we ask that families support the children as much as possible. Children who have been unable to complete their homework will be given the opportunity to complete it at a break time in school.

- **Spellings** will be set and tested on a **Tuesday** in line with the units from our The Spelling Shed scheme. Children will take home spellings in their spelling book and will complete tests each week in the back of this book.
- **Times tables** will be tested each week on a **Tuesday** (tests will cover all times tables up to 12 x 12 and the related division facts).
- Reading books – the children are encouraged to record their own reading responses in their reading record and write comments about what they have read. Please listen to your child read and also complete the comment book weekly, where you are able. It is important to your child's learning that they are heard reading by an adult – it is also a lovely way to spend time with them. This does not always need to be your child's reading book – personal books can be included too!
- **Reading Eggspress** – We are reintroducing Reading Eggspress and weekly assignments will follow.

If you have any queries, you can email me at: Year5@stcuthbertsk.org or make an appointment with the school office.

Many thanks for your continued support and best wishes,

Mr Dodd, Mrs Sneezham and Mrs Chako
Year 5 Staff