



St Charles RC
Primary School



Year 5 Newsletter
Autumn 2023

Welcome

Welcome to Year 5! All the children have settled in well into class and they're working very hard. Some children at the beginning of the year can find transition into a new class tricky. You can support your children at home by encouraging them to continue to listen carefully and do the right thing – and of course if they have any problems, please speak to an adult.



Remember: It's really important to be at school every day, on time and ready to learn!

Year 5 marks the beginning of UKS2, which means that the children are nearing the end of their primary school journey! There is so much to look forward to this year: an exciting new curriculum, opportunities to explore our local community and lots of practical learning opportunities.

This term our priority is to help your child to re-establish friendships and settle back into the structure and routine of being at school. We will be doing our best to consolidate their learning from Year 4 and to establish any gaps that they may have- which we will work to close. Daily repetition of key skills will be vital to ensure your children become confident, resilient and independent learners.

We are very lucky to have other adults who work with us throughout our busy week:

- Mrs Pennington works with our class regularly throughout the week.
- Mr Whitehead teaches Music on a Tuesday afternoon.
- Mr Thompson teaches multi-sports on Wednesday afternoon. Please send your child into school wearing their school P.E. kit. White t-shirt, navy blue shorts and black school pumps.
- Jewellery should not be worn in school but if ears have just been pierced then please ensure earrings are covered with plasters.
- Outdoor learning / Forest School kits should be kept in school and will be sent home after use for cleaning / drying.

Please ensure that your child's kit is labelled (even footwear) and that it is sent back into school each Monday.

Outdoor learning: We DO NOT WEAR Forest School clothes to school; they come in a bag and we get changed in school. Forest school/outdoor learning clothing and a pair of wellies should be kept in school and will be sent home after use for cleaning/drying, if needed. Please ensure that it is sent back into school each Monday. Please label all items with your child's name.

PE: lessons take place on Wednesday afternoon. Your child needs to WEAR their PE outfit to school: a white T-shirt, navy blue shorts and pumps. Please note no other colours are acceptable. In cold weather, a navy blue tracksuit or leggings, please label all items.



Curriculum

RE Focus:

This half term the focus of the RE lessons is Creation and Covenant. Children will understand the importance of being aware of the historical context to appreciate the literal sense of Bible stories and they will develop their understanding of the calling of Abraham. The Caritas theme for this half term is 'The dignity of the human person'. After half term, the children will be thinking about Prophecy and Promise. The children will consider how God chooses in unexpected ways and they will know that there were great kings anointed and chosen in the Old Testament. Our Catholic Social Teaching focus will be Family and Community in the season of Advent.

English:

We believe that regular reading practise is a key skill to success in all areas of learning and we give it high priority. The children will be working hard to improve their reading skills and regularly reading to an adult at home will help the children improve their fluency further. Children reading to a range of people can provide an added dimension for the children and any comments written in their reading record are read and appreciated.



Reading comprehension will be a big focus for us this term so they will need your support to help develop the skills we will teach. You can help at home by asking your child questions about their book after they have read such as 'How do you know he is angry?' or 'Why is she happy?' Children will need to ensure that their reading books and reading record books are in school every day.

Children will have a library slot on a Tuesday and will bring a library book home of their choice to share with you.

Maths:

We have been planning for the children's learning needs to ensure they are both challenged and supported in Maths. We are following the White Rose scheme and the children are developing their fluency and reasoning skills.



This term we will be developing our understanding of the following areas:

- Place value. This will cover Roman numerals, numbers to 100,000 including comparing and ordering them, partitioning and using number lines.
- Addition and Subtraction. This will cover mental strategies, +/- more than 4-digit numbers, inverse operations and multi-step problems.
- Multiplication and division. This will cover multiples, Factors, Prime numbers, cube numbers and times/divide by 10,100,1000.
- Fractions. This will cover Fraction equivalents, converting improper fractions to mixed numbers, Fractions less than 1, ordering, +/- same denominator fractions and adding mixed numbers.

Topic:

We have a history topic focus for our first unit which is 'How did WWII affect Manchester?' The children have started to think carefully about how WW2 began and will continue to explore rationing, evacuation, key events from the war, the role of women in the war and the Holocaust. After half term we will be learning about the extreme earth in our geography topic 'How does the earth, shake, rattle and roll?' Within this unit the children will think about how volcanoes affect people, the effects of earthquakes on the environment and we will complete an in depth study of some extreme types of weather from around the world.

Science:

This term, children will think about how forces affect everything around us. They will learn about the effects of gravity, friction, air and water resistance as well as build models to explore the ways in which pulleys, levers and gears work!

After half term, our Science enquiry question for the half term is 'Is space the final frontier?' Children will develop their understanding the cause of day and night, how the Moon orbits the Earth and how the Earth moves in relation to the Sun. The classroom will be full of planets and are aliens...All will be revealed!

Homework:

Thank you for your support with your child's homework in advance! Children will be directed to complete a page from their Maths and English homework book each week. Homework will be given on a Friday and should be returned on or before the following Wednesday.

Reading:

The children are expected to read at least four times a week for a minimum of 20 minutes. We encourage parents to ask questions to check their child's understanding of the text and vocabulary and to explain their thinking. Please sign their reading records and bring books and reading records into school each day to be checked by a member of staff.

Inquisitive, interested and intelligent, Year 5 is full of children learning. Sometimes they work alone, sometimes they work with teachers and sometimes they work with each other.

We are all looking forward to a busy and exciting term ahead. Please come and speak to a member of staff if you have any concerns or send a note with your child in the morning if there is anything you think we should know.

Many thanks for all your support and cooperation.

Mrs Brown, Mrs Steedman and Miss Buckland

Autumn diary dates

<u>SEPTEMBER IS THE MONTH OF WELLBEING</u>	<u>OCTOBER THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY AND BLACK HISTORY MONTH</u>	<u>NOVEMBER IS THE MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS</u>	<u>DECEMBER IS THE MONTH OF ADVENT</u>
<p><u>Week 1</u> Mon 4th Children start school</p> <p><u>Week 2</u> Weds 13th Whole School Welcome Mass (9.15am in school - All welcome)</p> <p><u>Week 3</u> Weds 20th Y6 Prayer service (9.05am in class - All welcome) Thurs 21st Y2 Class Assembly (All welcome) Y4 Go outside residential</p> <p><u>Week 4</u> Weds 27th Y5 Prayer service (9.05am in class - All welcome) Thurs 28th Y3 Class Assembly (All welcome) Fri 29th McMillan Coffee Morning and raffle after assembly</p>	<p><u>Week 5</u> Weds 4th Y4 Prayer service (9.05am in class - All welcome) Thurs 5th Y1 Class Assembly (All welcome) Sun 8th Mass led by Bishop John 2pm</p> <p><u>Week 6</u> Mon 9th Parent Drop in – after school in classrooms Tues 10th Mrs Starkie Day Fri 13th Charity Raffle – The Christie/McMillan</p> <p><u>Week 7</u> COMMUNITY WEEK Weds 18th Mini Vinnie Harvest Assembly (9.05am in hall - All welcome)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">HALF TERM 20th OCT – 30th OCT</p>	<p><u>Week 1</u> Mon 30th Children start school Weds 1st Feast of All Souls Mass (9.15am in church - All welcome) Thurs 2nd Y5 Class Assembly (All welcome)</p> <p><u>Week 2</u> Weds 8th Y2 Prayer service (9.05am in class - All welcome) Thurs 9th Y6 Class Assembly (All welcome)</p> <p><u>Week 3</u> Thurs 16th Parents evening – in school Fri 17th Harpers Army charity cake sale and raffle after assembly Sun 19th Whole school Mass at St Charles 11.15am</p> <p><u>Week 4</u> Weds 22nd Y3 Prayer service (9.05am in class - All welcome) Thurs 23rd Y4 Class Assembly (All welcome) Flu Jab Whole school Jolabokafloð celebration</p> <p><u>Week 5</u> Weds 29th Advent Mass (9.15am in school - All welcome) Christmas Markets 3.30pm Thurs 30th Whole school Panto – Treasure Island</p>	<p><u>Week 6</u> Weds 6th Nursery Christmas Show 10am Reception Christmas Show 2pm Thurs 7th Reception Christmas show 10am Nursery Dress show 2pm Fri 8th KS1 Christmas show 2pm</p> <p><u>Week 7</u> Mon 11th KS1 Christmas show 10am Tues 12th KS2 Christmas show 10am Weds 13th Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner Thurs 14th KS2 Christmas show 2pm Fri 15th EYFS Party day</p> <p><u>Week 7</u> CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION WEEK Mon 18th KS1 Christmas Party Tues 19th KS2 Christmas Party Weds 20th Christmas carol service (2pm – in church) Thurs 21st Non-uniform day/Toy Day FINISH at 1.30pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS 21st DEC – 8th JAN</p>

Websites

ENGLISH

<http://www.primaryresources.co.uk/maths/maths.htm>

<http://resources.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/literacy/index.htm>

MATHS

<https://whiteroseeducation.com/1-minute-maths>

<http://resources.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/maths/index.html>

SCIENCE

<http://www.primaryresources.co.uk/science/science.htm>

<http://homeworkhelp.stjohnsevenoaks.com/science/index.html>

HISTORY

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/shows/horrible-histories>

GENERAL

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/collections/primary-games>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/support>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/levels/zbr9wmn>