



English Martyrs Catholic Primary School

"Where everyone is special"

Welcome to Year Five
Autumn Term 2 2021
What is happening this
term?

YEAR FIVE CLASS CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER

The information below includes all the details of our curriculum and calendar. In Year 5, children work every day on numeracy and literacy activities and they also read daily. To help support their progress and achievement it is expected that children also read at home at least three times a week. For this half term our P.E. days are Tuesday and Wednesday. Please ensure children come to school in their PE kit. For those children who wear earrings, please can they be removed for these days or covered with surgical tape.

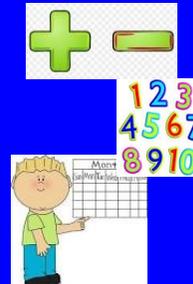
English



We will be reading 'Stay where you are and then Leave' by John Boyne. The day the First World War broke out, Alfie Summerfield's father promised he wouldn't go away to fight - but he broke that promise the following day. Four years later, Alfie doesn't know where his father might be, other than that he's away on a special, secret mission.

As part of this text we will be: Reading aloud, writing letters, creating poems, taking part in arguments and debates, writing diaries, recounts and instructions. There will also be opportunities for cross-curricular writing.

Mathematics



This term we will be focusing on:

Addition and Subtraction: Adding and subtracting whole numbers with more than four digits, using rounding to estimate and check answers, use inverse operations, solve problems involving addition and subtraction.

Graphs and Tables: Read information from tables, understand two-way tables, read information from line graphs, answer questions related to graphs and tables.

Multiplication and Division: Recognise multiples and factors, identify prime numbers, calculate square and cube numbers, use inverse operations, multiply and divide by 10, 100 and 100.

RE RHE



As part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham we follow the curriculum 'Learning and Growing as the People of God'. This term we will cover:

- Advent
- Christmas

Two children will be chosen each week to be 'Liturgy Leaders'. They will be responsible for planning and leading collective worship.

For 'Relationships and Health Education we will be following the Ten Ten scheme following the unit, Created and loved by God and safe relationships.

Science

As part of our science topic of 'Earth and Space' we will be: Describing the Sun, Earth and Moon as spherical; naming the planets in the solar system independently; distinguishing between heliocentric and geocentric ideas of planetary movement, explaining that day and night is due to rotation of the Earth; understanding the idea that different places on Earth experience night and day at different times with evidence; explain how the Moon moves relative to the Earth.

Theme	<p>As part of our Geography work we will be learning about 'Rivers and the Water Cycle.'</p> <p>We will understand that the water cycle keeps going; find rivers on a map; identify the sea a river flows into; identify the place in which the source of a river is found; compare the length of rivers; compare the features of a river at different points along its course; explain how meanders form; describe how waterfalls are formed; identify meanders on a map and photograph.</p>	Design & Technology / Art	<p>As part of our Rivers and the Water Cycle topic, we will be using watercolours to create our own style of water pictures, focusing on 'reflections'. based on the work of Monet.</p>
PE	<p>On Tuesday we will be taking part in invasion games, such as dribbling with the ball; passing and keeping possession and learning when to pass.</p> <p>On Wednesday, we will be learning about different dance styles that were popular before and during the wartime period.</p>	Music	<p>Our music topic this term is 'Classroom Jazz'. As part of our topic, children will be playing a variety of Warm Up Games, play instruments as well as opportunities to compose their own ideas.</p> <p>We will also be learning a variety of Christmas Carols.</p>
Computing	<p>We will be learning about Spreadsheets and Online Safety. Children will use formulae within a spreadsheet to convert measurements of length and distance; use the count tool to answer hypotheses about common letters in use; use a spreadsheet to model a real life problem; use formulae to calculate area and perimeter of shapes.</p>	Modern Foreign Languages	<p>We will be looking at and discussing the differences between French and English schools. We will also be expressing likes and dislikes about school.</p>

Home learning

Home learning is sent out online every Friday and to be returned the following Wednesday. Each week, it is expected that your child will practise their times tables daily, as well as learning their spellings which are tested on Thursday. In Upper Key Stage Two, we expect every child to read for at least 3 blocks of 30 minutes a week (ideally more!). Maths will be set either on the MyMaths website, or online). Occasionally, other homework tasks may be set to support learning in our thematic units. Please ensure that you sign reading records when your child has read.

Masses

2nd December Y3, Y6 and Reception
 21st October Y2 and Y5
 9th December Y5 and Y2
 16th December Y4 and Whole School

Other Dates
 5th November PTFA Cake Sale and Uniform sale
 15th November Anti-bullying week
 22nd November PTFA meeting
 2nd December PTFA Christmas Celebration (Outdoor Event)
 17th December Carol Service and end of term presentations

If you have any questions that you would like to ask please email your class teacher. Please make sure that you have read the communication policy to ensure that the correct information is sent to the correct people.
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Don't forget to check the website for our 'Recommended Reading Lists' and our 'Further reading lists'.

Also please remember to follow our Twitter page @EMCPrimary and look out for the hashtag #EMCYear5 for anything specific to our class.