

Class 5 Newsletter

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Welcome to Class 5 and the first newsletter of the year.

In Religion, our first topic is 'Creation and Covenant'. We will learn about Moses, focusing on two critical events in his life. We will spend some time reflecting on the words and imagery of the revelation to Moses. We will recognise that the Ten Commandments speak to us today, but will also reflect on the context in which they appear in the Bible. We will understand how virtues link with the Christian view of what makes people experience true happiness of the soul.

In English, our first novel will be 'Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone', an exciting, magical story that will help us to grow as readers. We will be studying a variety of genres through this book, including narrative and description, and will be using these to develop our use of figurative language whilst working on Year 5 punctuation and grammar.

In Maths, we will be looking at number and place value before moving onto addition and subtraction before half term.

Our topic for the term is 'Dynamic Dynasties'. This is a history-focused topic about the history of ancient China, focusing primarily on the Shang Dynasty, and exploring the lasting legacy of the first five Chinese dynasties, some of which can still be seen in the world today. We will also have mini projects including 'Investigating Our World' (Geography), 'Earth and Space' (Science) 'Moving Mechanisms' (D&T) and 'Colour in Landscapes' (Art and Design).

In Computing, we will cover Digital Citizenship, how to keep ourselves safe online and use technology responsibly and effectively.

The PE focus is Fundamental Movements, in which children will apply agility, balance and co-ordination skills, individually and with others. PE days are Monday and Tuesday.

Music will be delivered through Sparkyard Curriculum this year to ensure all musical skills and objectives are covered.

In French, our first topic will be 'All About Ourselves'.

Homework will be set on a Friday and will be due on Wednesdays. Each week, your child will be given a White Rose Maths worksheet to complete. There will also be activities set weekly on Spelling Shed and SPaG.com. Reading books in Year 5 will be changed as and when the children have completed them. This will be monitored to ensure lots of home and school reading is taking place. Please ensure your child also practices their times tables regularly at home too using their time table booklet and TT Rock Stars.

Positive behaviour rewards include: class dojos, house points, class rewards and Golden Time.

