



All Souls' Catholic PRIMARY SCHOOL

Friday 10th May 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to our final term together in Year 5. Last term was a brilliant time of year, full of many exciting events. The children should be commended for good effort and attitudes through organising St. Patricks' Day, taking part in Alton Castle retreat and hosting a Catholic morning of music.

We have a busy and exciting term ahead and I hope this newsletter can help to answer any questions that may arise over the next few weeks. If there are any other questions, please do catch me at the end of the day or organise a meeting through the school office.

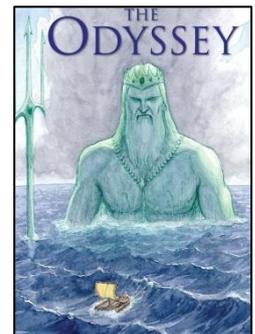


Summer Curriculum

Our overall theme this term is: The Olympics. We will be studying Greek culture and history along with some key myths and stories.

English

To support our Olympic theme we have begun looking into a version of Homer's The Odyssey (one of the world's earliest books). After building up our knowledge of this ancient text, we will be using some of the information about its main character, Odysseus, to create biographies. Later on in the term we will study classical forms of choral, spoken poetry and create them around Greek mythical themes.

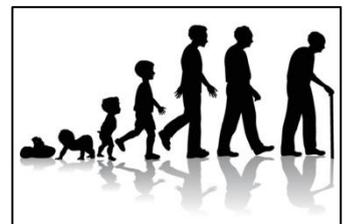


Maths

To begin the term, Year 5 are working on angles. We are studying how to use protractors for measuring and drawing angles and how to calculate angles from known information. Progressing through the term we are also focusing on measures and conversions and challenges involving the four operations. Each day we will also be practicing our times tables and mental maths skills. You can support this at home with the times table challenge.

Science

Our final unit of Science centres on human life cycles and how a person changes as they grow older. We will be carrying out investigations into growth across ages and predicting when most growth occurs.



PE

This term our days for PE are Monday (cricket) and Tuesday (American football). Please make sure your child has their kit in school on those days and that earrings are not worn. As the weather brightens over the next few weeks, please ensure your child has suitable sun protection (sun cream and a hat with a brim) when required by the weather.

RE

Coming back after the Easter break, our first topic is a study and celebration of Easter. We will also take time to look into Islam and the celebrations surrounding Eid.

Art

Our artist this term is Banksy, the elusive street-art creator. We will try to pin down some information on him and work to create pieces of word-art in his style. After designing and practicing stencils we aim to work in groups to create larger pieces of graffiti style stencil art.



Reading

Your child should be aiming to read at home on an (almost) daily basis. The expectation for Year 5 is that they read for a minimum of 10-15 minutes 5 times a week – one of these being with an adult. Your child should fill in their reading record each time they read and should be handed in each Monday to be checked. They are also responsible for swapping to a new suitable book when a book is finished, but they will be supported in finding a suitable book if needed. I ask for your support in encouraging and monitoring your child's reading and that you sign their record each week to confirm that what is recorded is a true record. I cannot overemphasise how important it is that you encourage your child to read at home as so much can be gained from this.

Spelling and times tables

Each Friday, 5 new spelling words are given to the children. Copies of these words are available in the classroom for children to take a note of and another copy is available on the school website. These words are tested the following Friday along with a mixture of previous words covered. Along with the new spellings, children are given a times table challenge to complete during the week to be handed in on the following Friday. If your child does not complete the times tables they will be expected to attend Homework Club during their lunchtime. Please keep up the practise at home!

Dates for the Diary

Year 5 and 6 Class Mass	Tuesday 21 st May (9.15)
Half term	Monday 27 th – Friday 31 st May
Teacher training day	Monday 3 rd June
Year 5 Assembly	Wednesday 5 th June
Piano Assembly	Wednesday 19 th June
Year 5/6 Play Performance	Tuesday 9 th July (7PM)
Year 5/6 Play Performance	Wednesday 10 th July (7PM)
Last day of Summer term	Friday 19 th July

Kind regards,

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