



We are called to be the hands and face of Jesus as we learn, love and grow together

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Class Information Letter – Year 5 2019

Welcome back to school and thank you for ensuring your child was well prepared for the beginning of term, we are all looking forward to supporting all aspects of their personal progress during the year.

The adults who will be working in Year 5 this year are Mr Jennings - class teacher Y5 Agnesi, Mrs White - class teacher Y5 Teresa and Mrs Mooney teaching assistant, supporting both classes. On Thursday afternoon the pupils will also work with Mrs Sherry and Mrs Bannissy.

Behaviour and Rewards

Our school uses the Hertfordshire Steps approach which supports a therapeutic ethos, early intervention and professional responses to complex, challenging or high-risk behaviours. We have developed three universal school rules which each class has spent time exploring and these are:

- **Be ready**
- **Be respectful**
- **Be safe**

In Year 5 Agnese the reward system currently used is based around merit points given for good behaviours and good responses in class and around the school. Five merit points equals one merit, 20 merits will achieve a bronze certificate, 40 merits a silver and 60 merits a gold.

In Year 5 Teresa pupils collect a 'thank you' in recognition for good learning behaviour and are awarded certificates to celebrate their successes.

Curriculum Please find below our Autumn Term curriculum.

RE: CREATION and GOD'S COVENANT

Each week you will also receive a copy of **The Wednesday Word** to which will help you to support your child's faith journey throughout the liturgical year.

We shall continue to follow the liturgical year, beginning with Ordinary Time, leads up to the liturgical seasons of Advent and Christmas and we will be attending Parish Mass regularly during the term.

English: Traditional tales, and legends, recount (including biography), explanation and poetry.

Maths: Place value; negative numbers; multiply and divide by 10, 100 and 1,000; Properties of number – multiples, factors and common factors, prime and composite numbers; solve problems; add, subtract, multiply and divide using a range of strategies and methods; order, add and compare fractions

Science: Living things and their habitats, Properties and changes of materials

Computing: Coding, Online safety and Spreadsheets.

History Ancient Greece

Art Sculpture



Design Technology Planning, making and evaluating sculpture

Music Changes in music over time, singing and sharing own compositions

Physical Education Gymnastics, Dance and outdoor games

PE kits consist of navy shorts and white round necked t-shirt (all KS2 pupils will be expected to also have a navy track suit and trainers).

Children will need their P.E. kit every Tuesday and Wednesday, but it is advisable to have a PE kit in school as much as possible.

Home Learning

Home learning is set on Fridays to be returned by the following Wednesday. This will include Maths and another topic (including English, Science or R.E) to support class learning. This is supplemented by regular reading and practising times tables. Additionally, spellings will be sent home on Friday to be tested the following week.

Reading continues to be an important focus in Year 5 and we are keen that the children read as much as possible, both out loud to an adult and silently to themselves. As your children progress with their reading it becomes more important to question them about the text they are reading, the types of grammar and punctuation in the sentences and the authors choice of vocabulary. As far as possible, please ensure that your child reads at home to develop both their reading and comprehension skills.

General information:

Our next parent Consultations will be on: **Monday 7th October 2019: 3.30pm – 7.30pm**
Tuesday 8th October 2019: 3.30pm – 5.30pm

Birthday treats Due to the large number of allergies (dairy, nut, soya...) the most suitable birthday treat to share with the class is Haribo sweets, other treats may not be suitable for all pupils and therefore the treat would not be shared among the class.

Water Bottle: All children are encouraged to drink plenty of water during the day, therefore, please supply your child with a refillable sports top water bottle, this must ONLY contain water. Many children also bring a snack to eat at morning break.

NO jewellery should be worn in school including earrings, long hair must be tied back during school hours.

Plimsolls and indoor shoes: all pupils must have a pair of well-fitted plimsolls (indoor shoes) in school.

PG Films

From time to time, it is useful to show the children films or clips in relation to topics we are studying in class and as a stimulus for writing. Increasingly, many of the films most relevant to aspects of the KS2 curriculum are 'PG' rated rather than 'U' rated. We would therefore like to ask your permission to use PG rated films with the Year 5 children in order to enrich their curriculum. Films and extracts are always carefully chosen and have watched by staff prior to their use with children. We will assume that if I don't hear otherwise this is acceptable to you but please do not hesitate to make contact if you would like to discuss this further.

Pick up procedures – keeping everyone safe

Thank you for completing details about end of day collection arrangements and permission to travel home alone. If you have not completed this, please collect a copy of the letter from school.

If you have any concerns at any point during the year please do not hesitate in contacting the class teacher in person, by note or by phone call through the school office. Please remember no problem is too small; anything that is important to you and your child is important to us too.

Thank you in anticipation for your support throughout the year. We look forward to working in close partnership with you to ensure your child is happy and progressing well in school.

The Year 5 team

