

# Year 5 – Advent Term



## Our team:

Miss Shaw, Miss Smallwood, Miss Webber, Mrs Bottoms,  
Mrs Woodward, Miss Junaid and Mr Mirza

## Welcome

Welcome to Year 5! The children have already made a brilliant start to the school term. We have lots to look forward to and can't wait to get to know you all throughout the school year.

## Mathematics

We follow the White Rose program at Good Shepherd. We practise fluency before tackling problems, with a focus on providing reasoning and depth of understanding. This term we are focusing on: place value, addition and subtraction, multiplication and division and fractions.

Knowing basic times tables and division facts are vital to year 5, please support your child in practising these regularly.

## RE

Our RE topics from the 'Come and See' scheme this term will be:

- Ourselves
- Life Choices
- Hope

We also look forward to our 'Mission Day' on Monday 26th September where we will begin to explore our new school mission.

## Our Curriculum

In Science, we will be studying Earth and Space. During these lessons, we will learn about the movement of the planets using the Sun, Moon and Earth as our reference points. We will also relate the movement of the planets to the causes of seasons and the cycle of day and night. To conclude this topic, we will be creating a model of the Solar System.

Our geography topic for this half term is Changes to Nottingham and the UK. Within this topic, we will learn about how population changes, especially within Nottinghamshire. We will discuss some of the factors which affect population, such as migration and life expectancy.

In the second half term our history topic will be Britain's settlement by the Anglo-Saxons and Scots. We will learn about the time period when the Anglo-Saxons and Scots arrived in Britain, focusing on their arrival and settlement as well as their change in religion.

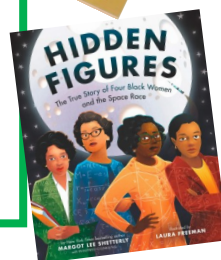


## English

This term we will be writing: rap poems, non-chronological reports and persuasive leaflets linked to our Earth and Space topic. Next half term we will be writing: warning stories and playscripts linked to Beowulf.

*Our class text is 'There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom' by Louis Sachar. We will also be reading 'Hidden Figures' by Margot Lee Shetterley and 'Beowulf'. We will also be sharing a range of other texts in our reading for pleasure time.*

Please continue to support your child by talking to them about books and listening to them read.



## Homework

Children should be reading at home **every** day for around 15 - 20 minutes. It is very important that you please read with your children at home and make a note in their Homework Diary.

Times tables should be practised daily. Children have their login details for Times Tables Rock Stars in their reading diaries.

As well as daily reading and times tables, children will receive weekly spellings, a maths task, and a knowledge organiser task. This work will consolidate their learning from the week which will help them retain new knowledge.

Homework and spellings will be given out on a **Friday** and completed homework books are to be returned the following **Wednesday**. Spellings will be tested every Friday.

## Nuts

Please be aware that no nuts or nut products are permitted on the school premises or on trips. This is because a number of pupils have severe nut allergies. Thank you for helping us keep everyone safe.

Please ensure that your child has **appropriate weather gear** such as a rain coat, winter coat or sunhat. Sun cream should be applied at home where necessary.

## P.E. Day

P.E. for Year 5 will be taking place each **Wednesday** with Mr Connolly and each **Tuesday** with their class teacher. Please ensure that your child comes to school in their P.E. kit (**white T-shirt, navy blue or black shorts or tracksuit bottoms on colder days**)

Children with pierced ears must remove studs at home before coming to school on these days. Any new piercings must be covered with tape.

## Trips



This term, we are excited to be going on two school trips.

On **Tuesday 27th September**, we will be visiting the National Space Centre in Leicester. We are

looking forward to learning about the life of an astronaut, how to program Mars Rovers and many different space related facts!

We are also eagerly waiting to visit Attenborough Nature reserve on **Tuesday 11th October**, rescheduled from Year 4.

## Dates for your Diary for the Advent Term

**14th September @ 2pm**

Year 4/5 sports day

**20th September 3:30 - 4:30**

Class drop in

**26th September**

Mission Day—more information to follow

**27th September**

Space Centre Trip

**27th September @ 7pm**

PTA meeting in the school hall

**6th October**

Y5 Parents Evening—more information to follow

**10th October**

Bishop's Mass - 9:30 in school

**11th October**

Trip to Attenborough

## Music

Year 5 will have a music lesson each week with Miss Donnelly. They will have the opportunity to learn to play a ukulele, starter flute (toot) or starter clarinet (dood).

Keep up to date with calendar events and newsletters visit:

[www.goodshepherd.notts.sch.uk](http://www.goodshepherd.notts.sch.uk)

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