

# Year 5 – Lent Term



## Our team:

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Mrs Woodward, Miss Junaid and Miss Morris

Welcome to the Lent term of Year 5. We are really proud of how well the children have settled in and look forward to exciting opportunities in the term ahead!

## 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: multiplication and division, fractions, decimals and percentages, area and perimeter and statistics.

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:

- ◇ Mission
- ◇ Sacrifice
- ◇ Memorial Sacrifice

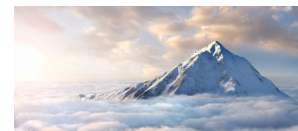
The children also have regular opportunities to plan and take part in class Liturgical Prayer based on the values of our School Mission Statement.

## Our Wider Curriculum

In Science this term, we will be studying Properties of Materials. We will learn about the states of matter as well as how to group different materials based on their properties. We will also learn about dissolving, mixing and changes of state.

Our History topic this half term is the Anglo-Saxon and Viking struggle for the Kingdom of England. During this topic, we will have the opportunity to explore artefacts. We will also learn about the balance of power between the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings within Britain. Finally, we will focus on the end of the Anglo-Saxon and Viking period in Britain,

Later this term our Geography topic is Mountains. Within this topic, we will learn about how different mountains form and key details about the Seven Summits of the world.



## English

This term we will be writing: instructional texts, kennings and newspaper articles linked to our Vikings topic. Next half term we will be writing: explanation texts and descriptive settings linked to our Mountains topic.

*Our class texts are 'The Saga of Erik the Viking' by Terry Jones and 'Mountains' by Dieter Braun. 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.

## Behaviour Curriculum

The children have responded really well to the small changes we have made to our behaviour curriculum this term. The key phrases we use to support them to remember are: 'We Dress to Impress', 'We use Fantastic Walking' around school, we speak up, 'Loud and Proud' and SLANT – sit up, listen, ask and answer questions, nod your head and track the speaker. Well done Year 5!

## P.E. Day

P.E. for Year 5 will be taking place each **Wednesday** with Mr Connolly and each **Tuesday** with their class teacher/Gaelic football coach. 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.

## Easter Production

Year 5 are really looking forward to rehearsing and performing their Easter Production for you all.

We will be starting to learn our songs before half term. After half term we will be practising regularly.



Our performances will be on Wednesday 29th March at 2pm and 6pm. More details will follow for these performances.

Please ensure that your child has **appropriate weather gear** such as a warm

## Dates for your Diary for the Lent Term

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> -Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February**  
Parent Consultation Evenings- further details to follow

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February**  
Non-uniform day – please bring an item to donate to the food bank

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February**  
INSET day

**13<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> February**  
Half Term break

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February**  
Return to school

**Wednesday 29th March**  
Easter Performances 2pm and 6pm

## Music

Year 5 continue to have a music lesson each week with Mr Fox. 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:

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