

Year 5 – Pentecost Term



Our team:

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Welcome to the Pentecost term of Year 5. We look forward to exciting opportunities this term, including our class residential to St Michael's Environmental Centre in Hathersage.

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: shape and angles, position and direction, decimals, negative numbers, converting units and volume.

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:

- Transformation
- Freedom and Responsibility
- Stewardship

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

Our Curriculum

In Science this term, we will be studying Properties of Materials. We will learn about the states of matter as well as different chemical changes. We will also learn about Living things and their Habitats and explore life cycles of plants and animals.

Our History topic this half term is Journeys: Migration to Britain. During this topic, we will have the opportunity to explore artefacts learn about migration from Ireland, the Caribbean and refugees from around the world.

Later this half term, our Geography topic is Climate Change. We will learn about how our world is currently being affected by global warming and what we can do to look after the planet.



English

This term we will be writing: descriptive texts, balanced arguments, diary entries and palindrome poetry. We will revisit relative clauses and modal verbs and learn how to use both past and present progressive tenses.

Our class text is 'The Boy at the Back of the Class' by Onjali Rauf. 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

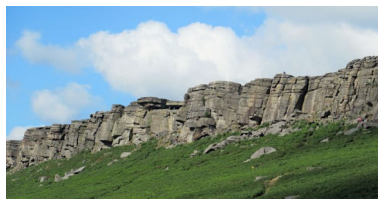
P.E. for Year 5 will be taking place each **Wednesday** with Mr Connolly and swimming each **Thursday**. Please ensure that your child comes to school in their P.E. kit (**white T-shirt, navy blue or black shorts or tracksuit bottoms on colder days**)

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

Hathersage

Year 5 are looking forward to visiting St Michael's Centre in Hathersage this term.

The children will have the opportunity to go pond dipping, orienteering, walk to Stanage Edge and swim in the Hathersage outdoor swimming pool. As well as this, it is an important time to develop the children's independence and team work skills.



Dates for your Diary for the Pentecost Term

22nd May Cultural Diversity Day

26th May Bend the Rules Non Uniform Day

29th May to 2nd June Half Term

5th to 7th June 5HW Hathersage

7th to 9th June 5S Hathersage

16th June GSA's Got Talent

19th June Christ the King Visit

20th June Book Look from 3pm

30th June Summer Fayre

21st July Last day of Pentecost Term

Music and French

Year 5 have been enjoying their weekly Music lessons with Mr Fox. They are currently learning how to play the toot. The children have also been learning how to describe different sports and the days of the week in French.

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