

Year 5 – Advent Term



Our team:

Miss Shaw, Mrs Walker, Mrs Cordes, Mrs Bottoms and Miss Junaid.

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 elements of 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.

Please look out for KIRFs (Key Instant Recall Facts) which will be sent home with your child each half term.

RE

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

- Ourselves
- Life Choices
- Hope

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.

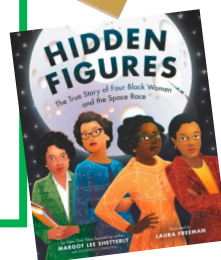
Our geography topic for this half term is Changes to Nottingham and the UK. Within this topic, we will learn about how population changes, especially within Nottinghamshire. We will discuss some of the factors which affect population, such as migration and life expectancy. We will also visit our local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

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 non-chronological reports and poetry linked to our Earth and Space topic. Next half term we will be writing persuasive leaflets linked to the Space Centre and warning stories 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.



Homework

Until October half term:

Homework will be focused on reading. 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.

After half term homework will include:

- Daily reading
- Daily times tables practice
- Weekly spellings
- Maths tasks (retrieval and consolidation from that week)
- A knowledge organiser task

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

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 members of the school community have severe nut allergies. Thank you for helping us keep everyone safe.

P.E. Day

P.E. for Year 5 will be taking place each **Tuesday** with Mr Connolly and each **Friday** with their class teacher. Please ensure that your child comes to school in their P.E. kit (white T-shirt, navy blue shorts or track-suit bottoms on colder days). **No branded kit is to be worn.**

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



On **Thursday 5th October**, 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 will also have the opportunity to explore our local area within the context of our geography learning.

Dates for your Diary for the Advent Term

18th September 3:30 - 4:30

Class drop in (Meet the teacher)

5th October

Space Centre Trip

WC 9th October

Local Area visit for geography

18th October

Y5 Parent Consultation Evening —more information to follow

WC 13th November

Anti Bullying Week

24th November

Non-uniform day

25th November

GS Christmas Fayre at Good Shepherd Church

Music

Year 5 will have a music lesson each week with Mr Fox.

Keep up to date with calendar events and newsletters visit:

www.goodshepherd.notts.sch.uk

Follow us on Twitter for photos and class updates @thegsaprimary

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.