

Year 5 – Lent Term



Our team:

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Mrs Bottoms and Miss Junaid

Welcome to the Lent term of Year 5. We are really proud of how well the children are working 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

This half term in RE, our topic is called from Galilee to Jerusalem. We are learning about the ministry of Jesus with a key focus on the Beatitudes.

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 the 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.

This half term in Art, we will be creating clay dragon eyes inspired by Viking mythology. Later this term in D&T, we will be creating pulley systems as part of the Squashed Tomato Challenge.

English

This term we will be writing instructional texts and kennings linked to our Vikings topic. Next half term we will be writing explanation texts linked to our mountains topic. We will also be reading *Here I Am* by Patti Kim for World Book Week and writing a piece of work based on this text.

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

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 organiser.

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

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 **Thursday** and completed homework books are to be returned the following **Wednesday**. Spellings will be tested every Thursday.

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

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).

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 or black shorts or navy 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 27th 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 coat, hat and gloves as well as a navy tracksuit on PE days.

Dates for your Diary for the Lent Term

Week beginning Monday 5th February
Children's Mental Health Week

Tuesday 6th and Wednesday 7th February

Art Exhibitions—more information to follow

Thursday 8th February

Non-uniform day – please bring an item to donate to the food bank

Friday 9th February

INSET day

12th-16th February

Half Term break

Monday 19th February

INSET day—return to school on Tuesday 20th February

Tuesday 5th and Wednesday 6th March

Parent Consultation Evenings—more information to follow

Behaviour Curriculum

We have refreshed our learning of the school behaviour curriculum to start this term. The key phrases we use to support the children 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!