



Year 5 – Advent Term

Our team:

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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 The Good Shepherd. We practice 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 practicing these regularly.

RE

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

- Ourselves
- Life Choices
- Judaism
- 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.

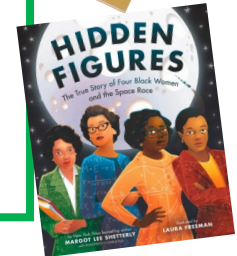
Our geography topic for this half term is Changes to Nottingham and the UK. Within this topic, we will learn about how population changes, especially within Nottinghamshire. We will discuss some of the factors which affect population, such as migration and life expectancy. We will also visit our local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

Homework will include:

- Daily reading (reading at home **every** day for around 15 - 20 minutes)
- Daily times tables practice (using Times Tables Rockstars—10 minutes)
- Weekly spellings
- Maths tasks (retrieval and consolidation from that week—15 minutes)
- A knowledge organiser task (15 minutes)

It is very important that you please read with your children at home and make a note in their Homework Diary.

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

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.

Please ensure that your child has named 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 **Tuesday** with Mr Connolly and each **Wednesday** 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). **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 3rd 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

17th September 3.30 - 4.30pm
Class drop in (Meet the teacher)

WC 23rd September
Peace Week

3rd October
Space Centre Trip

WC 7th October
Local Area visit for geography

10th October
Mental Health Day

16th October
Y5 Parent Consultation Evening —more information to follow

WC 11th November
Anti-Bullying Week

29th November
Non-uniform day

Music

Year 5 will have a music lesson each week with Mr Fox, focusing on 'Music of the Orchestra and Film Music'.

Keep up to date with calendar events and newsletters visit:

www.goodshepherd.notts.sch.uk

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