

Year 5 – Lent Term

Our team:

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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!

Thank you for your kind wishes and gifts in the lead up to the Christmas period.

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: fractions, multiplication and division, 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 term in RE, our topics are called 'Mission', 'Memorial Sacrifice' and '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.

As part of the Jubilee Year of Hope, Year 5 will be raising awareness and supporting the homeless. We will also be going on a pilgrimage to St Barnabas Cathedral in town with a date to be confirmed. Please keep an eye out for further details.

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 kennings and warning stories linked to our Vikings topic. Next half term we will be writing explanation texts linked to our mountains topic. We will also be reading and writing a piece of work based on the book: 'Wild Planet' for World Book Week.

Our class texts are 'Beowulf' by Michael Morpurgo, '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 15 - 20 minutes. 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 spelling, punctuation and grammar task.

Homework and spellings will be given out on a **Thursday** and completed homework books are to be returned the following **Tuesday**. We will learn spellings through the week with a quiz on a Thursday.

Keep up to date with calendar events and newsletters visit:

www.goodshepherd.notts.sch.uk

All communication from school will be via ARBOR. Please take the time to read any information sent.

Uniform

Please see Mrs Toner's most recent newsletter regarding uniform. One of our school mantras is 'dress to impress' and it is an expectation that children are dressed in the correct school uniform at all times. Children not adhering to this policy will be spoken to and expected to attend school in the correct uniform the following day.

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 navy tracksuit bottoms on colder days**).

After half term, we will be completing a weekly Wednesday mile for our class teacher PE lesson.

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 and this will be reflected in our curriculum.

Our performances will be on **Thursday 3rd April at 2pm and 6pm**. More details will follow for these performances.

Dates for your Diary for the Lent Term

Week beginning Monday 3rd February
Children's Mental Health Week

Friday 14th February
INSET day

17th – 21st February
Half Term break

Tuesday 4th and Wednesday 5th March
Parent Consultation Evenings—book via Arbor

Tuesday 1st April
Briars Parent Meeting

Thursday 3rd April
Easter Performances 2pm and 6pm

The Briars

This year, we are excited to take our Year 5 children on a residential trip to the Diocesan Residential Youth Centre, The Briars in Crich, which replaces the usual residential to Hathersage. This visit will take place for both classes from Wednesday 7th May – Friday 9th May.

During the trip, we will visit Crich Tramway Village, experience a local walk, visit the Heights of Abraham and help the children unite as a year group and develop their spirituality.