

## Year 5 – Pentecost Term



### Our team:

Mrs Brown, Mrs Walker, Mrs Atherton, Miss Grewal and Miss Morris

Welcome to the Pentecost term of Year 5. We look forward to exciting opportunities this term including our residential, the Big Snore, sports day and more!

### 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: perimeter and area, statistics, 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

This term we are focusing on other faiths: Sikhism and Islam. During these topics, the children will be linking their ideas about these faiths with British Values and protected characteristics.

Following this, our topic will be stewardship which focuses on God's creation and caring for our world.

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 living things and their habitats and exploring 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 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.

In Computing, we are learning about and creating our own stop motion animation.



### English

This term we will be writing: playscripts, palindrome poetry, diaries and explanation texts. 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 that this is recorded in their organisers.

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

As well as daily reading and times tables, children will receive weekly spellings, a maths task, and a grammar task. This work will consolidate their learning from the year 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 **Tuesday**. There is a spelling quiz 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 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 takes 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**)

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

### Service: Framework

As part of this Jubilee Year of Hope, Year 5 will be bringing hope to the homeless by helping raise money for Framework at the Big Snore. Please support your child with this by helping them raise sponsorships.



### Dates for your Diary for the Pentecost Term

**7-9 May** Briars Residential

**16 May** Big Snore

**19-23 May** Cultural Diversity Week

**26-30 May** Half Term

**6 June** OPAL Stay and Play

**16 June** Class Photos

**27 June** Summer Fayre

**11 July** Y5 and 6 Sports Day 9.15am

**25 July** Last day of Pentecost Term

### Music and French

Year 5 have been enjoying their weekly Music lessons with Mr Fox. This half term they are learning about swing music. The children have also been learning the names of places in the town and body parts in French.

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