



Year 5 – Lent Term

Our team:

Miss Whitaker, Mrs Walker, Mrs Atherton,
Mrs Bottoms, Mrs Bramley and Mrs Sarno

Welcome

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

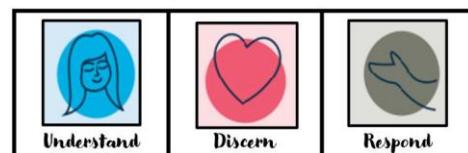
We follow elements of the White Rose program at Good Shepherd. We practice fluency before tackling problems, with a focus on providing reasoning and depth of understanding. This term we are focusing on fractions, multiplication and division, decimals and percentages, area and perimeter and statistics.

Knowing basic times tables and division facts are vital to year 5, please support your child in practicing these regularly.

RE

Our RE topics this term will be:

- Galilee to Jerusalem
- Desert to Garden



Our 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: 'Peace on Earth' 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

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 spelling, punctuation and grammar task.

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 **Wednesday** and completed homework books are to be returned the following **Monday**.

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.

Please ensure that your child has named appropriate weather gear such as a rain coat, winter coat or sunhat.

P.E. Day

P.E. for Year 5 will be taking place each **Wednesday** with Mr Connolly and each **Thursday** 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.

Easter Production

Year 5 are really looking forward to rehearsing and performing their Easter Production for you all.

We have been starting to learn our songs this half term. After half term we will be practising regularly, and this will be reflected in our curriculum.

Our performances will be on **Wednesday 25th March at 2pm and 6pm**. More details will follow for these performances.



Dates for your Diary

Week beginning Monday 9th February

Children's Mental Health Week

Friday 13th February

INSET day

16th - 22nd February

Half Term break

Monday 23rd February

INSET day

Monday 16th March

Briars Parent Meeting - 5pm

Wednesday 25th March

Easter Performances - 2pm and 6pm

The Briars

We are excited to take our Year 5 children on a residential trip to the Diocesan Residential Youth Centre, The Briars in Crich. This visit will take place for both classes from Monday 13th April – Wednesday 15th April.

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