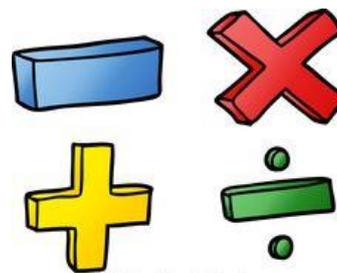




St John's CE School
Year 5
Class Termly Forecast
Autumn Term 2019



Welcome back. We hope you had an enjoyable summer and are looking forward to the Autumn term. My name is Miss Finn and I will be teaching Year 5 this year. I will be joined by Mrs Coomey who is a very valuable and experienced teaching assistant and is looking forward to working with your children. We hope that this will be an enriching experience for the children. So far, the children have had a fantastic start to the Autumn term. Their enthusiasm, motivation and passion is excellent to see as we start the year.

In Literacy we will be focusing on three specific units this half term: poetry, letter writing and fictional writing. Within those units, students will learn about ballads and free verse poetry and develop their own poems. Another unit will include reading a fictional story called: 'Alone on a Wide Wide Sea' and students will gain a wider understanding of fictional writing and develop skills to create their own story. By reading this book students will further develop comprehension skills by inferring information from characters and comparing other texts. Later on, in the Autumn 2 term, students will develop an understanding for writing non-chronological reports. The final unit of the term will be a creative piece, delving into more poetry and creating an exciting story to present to the class. These units will be taught collaboratively with spelling, punctuation and grammar.

Spellings will be given out each week with homework and be tested each Thursday afternoon. The spellings will consist of key words for Year 5, topic words and word rules such as: homophones and silent letters. Guided reading will also take place each week and students will do various activities to enhance their comprehension skills. Not only will it be taught during literacy units, but groups will be taken out during this time to focus on specific questioning and further comprehension development.

In Numeracy this half term we will be working on number and place value; number lines, ordering and comparing numbers, and graphs and timetables. Next half term we will continue with multiplication and division; written addition and subtraction; decimals and percentages and we will begin to look at fractions, ratio and proportion, geometry and properties of shapes. Students are expected to know their times tables and should be practising at home, but we will also be running a weekly times table challenge to support this. I always extend maths lessons so that the children have the opportunity to access mastery level work every day. We are exceptionally fortunate to have Mr Brooker, an experienced Maths teacher, supporting groups of children each Tuesday throughout the year.

P.E. will take place every other Friday afternoon and the children will be taught gymnastics and invasion games by Mr Gunn and Mr Newman. Swimming will be held Friday afternoons with Ms K. Students are expected to have their P.E. kits at school at all times. It is advisable to take them home over the weekend for washing and return them on Monday.

In Science this term, students will focus on Materials and their Properties and Separating Mixtures.

Our Topic this half term will be 'Stargazers' where we are learning all about the Solar System. We will be looking at the phases of the moon, how planets orbit around the sun and specific facts about each

planet- I'm sure some of you may have heard our Solar System rap by now! We will also be designing and making our own rockets which is very exciting.

Our theme this term in PSHE is New Beginnings. The children will develop a sense of belonging through writing a class charter outlining rights and responsibilities each member of the class has in order to learn and make progress during Year 5. In addition, they will write their own individual targets for the coming year.

In R.E. we will be learning about Buddhism, the contemporary Anglican Church and the Nativity. Students will be learning about these topics and from them . They will be learning about the various traditions and make reflections from their learnings.

In Music this year the children will have percussion lessons with Mr. Punn. During this time, the students will learn to play drums and other percussion instruments.

Computing this term will consist of coding. The children will develop an understanding of activities and software that can be used to create algorithms. Furthermore on Wednesday afternoons, Mr Davison will be taking groups of children out for the whole afternoon for The Jaguar Challenge. They will be using a range of Computing, Maths and Science skills to design, make and race a car.

Year 5 will also be given weekly Italian lessons by a language specialist on Monday afternoons.

For our Community Cohesion Program, every Tuesday morning a group of 8 children will be going to Oakleigh School to interact and support children with varying needs.

Homework

Will be sent out on Friday afternoons and expected to be handed in Wednesday. Students will be tested on 10 spellings every Thursday.

Can you please make sure your child comes to school with a pencil case containing the correct equipment: writing pencils, rubbers, sharpener, glue stick, ruler and a set of colouring pencils. Ensure equipment and uniform is clearly labelled.

Even though the summer is drawing to a close, the weather can be surprisingly warm, and our classroom can get extremely hot during lessons even with all the windows open. As this is the case, could you please provide your child with a bottle of water daily to ensure he/she stays hydrated. This will also eliminate the problem of children leaving the classroom to visit the water fountain. Thank you.

We look forward to an enjoyable Autumn term with you and your children.

Many thanks,

Miss Finn