



St John's C E Primary School



Year 5 Spring Term

We have been delighted with the children's focus and progress during this period of home learning. We are impressed with the attitude of the children as they maintain their efforts, building further on the work from last term (when they made such fantastic progress), deepening their learning alongside their focus and attitude as we move through this interesting year! They are also working hard on their organisational skills, in preparation for the responsibilities of Year 6 in September. Below is information regarding this (very different) Spring term.

This term year 5 will be focusing on two topics over the spring term: *Scream Machine and Pharaohs*.

Numeracy this term will include Multiplication, Division and Fractions. We will look at written methods of multiplication and division, problem solving and reasoning. For Fractions we will be looking at equivalent fractions, converting mixed fractions to improper fractions, comparing and ordering fractions, fractions as division, adding and subtracting fractions and problem solving.

Don't forget to encourage your child to use the additional resources such as Mathletics and Times Table Rockstars to further support and teach key maths skills.

Literacy will include a big focus on spelling, reading and grammar rules. With spelling being given out with homework each week and assessed Thursday mornings. Spelling and grammar will be revised during handwriting sessions. Students will be developing literacy skills to create a shape poem, short narratives using speech, adverts, descriptions and all of this related to their very own Theme Park and drop ride! In Spring 2 we will be writing fact files and our own Egyptian story.

It is crucial that the children read regularly: the more they read, the more they will develop their vocabulary, which will further develop their writing. If you have difficulty in finding books that engage your child, then please contact us and we will suggest some suitable texts. We will be developing our reading comprehension skills throughout the term, focusing on a range of question types and skills. We will also be tracking more precisely what each child is reading.

Wider Curriculum in Spring 1 will bring us researching and learning all things to do with rollercoasters and theme parks. We will be designing, making and evaluating our own drop rides, learning about map keys as well as exploring the map of the UK.

In Spring 2 we will be moving onto Pharaohs. We will travel back 5000 years, to the dusty realms of ancient Egypt! We will explore the world of mysteries and curses, mummies and kings. We will look at the river Nile and why it was so important to sustaining the people of Ancient Egypt as well as making our own headpieces and canopic jars.

In Religious Education students will be learning about Liturgy and the main ingredients of Christian public liturgy and worship.

During Spring 2 students will focus on: Monastic Traditions within Christianity Churches and Easter.

PSHE will include looking at friendships, both online and offline as well as the skills needed to maintain and support positive relationships. We will also explore the impact of bullying and to recognise if/when they feel unsafe or uncomfortable within a friendship In Spring 2 we will move on to 'Going for Goals'- recognising the importance of self-respect and how this affects our thoughts and feelings as well as how to set goals and targets for ourselves.

Physical Education- Children are encouraged to take regular exercise throughout this period by us through our Google meets and challenges we set online.

In Science, Year 5 will be learning all about Forces- with a special link to our topic of Rollercoasters. We will be exploring all of the different forces and designing and making a drop ride for our STEM project. In Spring 2 we will be looking at Animals including Humans. This unit focuses on the changes that human beings experience as they

develop to old age, including the life cycle of a human being and.

Music will continue to take place Friday afternoons, with Mr Punn teaching students drumming and other percussion instruments. We will also be exploring rhythm and pulse in our whole class music sessions.

Computing this term will be used to develop our own webpage and using web programmes to design and advertise a drop ride. We are so impressed with how the children's computing skills have improved (albeit understandably) in uploading, attaching and editing work. In Spring 2 we will be looking at websites and designing our own!

Italian will continue to be set by our Italian teacher Maestra Angelica on a weekly basis, which will include learning vocabulary about parts of the body and how to use these in conversations.

We look forward to celebrating many great achievements with your children throughout the term!

Miss Finn, Mr Newman and Mrs Becker