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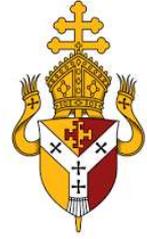
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Welcome to Year 5,

It is great to have everyone back and on behalf of myself (Mr Lodge) and Mrs Harper (HLTA) I wish you all the warmest of welcomes! It is wonderful to see my classroom filled with smiling faces and pupils who are eager to learn and catch up with their learning. If anything, the time apart has taught lessons of its own - the most poignant being how vital the time is that we spend together in school. In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus teaches us to, "let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven" (Matthew 5:16). This is my intention for Year 5 - our good deeds, determination and learning in our class will allow us to shine and glorify our Lord. Let's be honest, this year will be tough, there is so much teaching and learning that has been missed but with our carefully planned curriculum, which is intended to 'bridge the gap', we have planned that pupils will revisit and learn what they have missed to make rapid progress. This will then enable children to extend their learning into the Year 5 curriculum. Let's start our Year 5 journey and allow our pupils to let their lights shine!

What are we learning about?

**RE.**

Unit A: Creation

Unit B: Miracles and The Sacrament of the Sick

Unit C: Advent

Unit D: Christmas

**English**

Catch up Curriculum: We will ensure that the children have all the skills they need for the Year 5 curriculum by first casting our learning back to the grammar and punctuation from Year 4. This will form a solid foundation to then progress onto learning a wide range of skills need to focus on "Traditional Tales from Other Cultures". This will include learning: how to effectively use expanded noun phrases, embedding relative clauses with a relative pronoun into sentences, using commas to clarify meanings, using semi colons, colons and dashes and developing our use of adjectives to enhance meaning and add interest.

Special days / Dates

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October - CAFOD Harvest Fast Day

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October - Online Mass with His Grace the Archbishop of Birmingham

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November - Individual photos

P.E will take place on Wednesday mornings and Friday afternoons.

Homework will be set every Friday and expected in on the following Wednesday. This is so that the material that comes back in from home can be isolated for a period of time before being marked.

Spellings tests will typically be on a Wednesday morning.

The class saint for Year 5 is Saint Jon Bosco - we are very lucky in Year 5 as this is our MAC patron saint! His feast day is on the 31<sup>st</sup> January. More details to follow!

There is a big push on handwriting this year as yes... pen licences will be earned!

Reading skills will continue to be built on as we continue learning comprehension and inference skills which include; identify and discussing themes across writing, making comparisons between a wide range of texts, inferring characters feelings, moods and thoughts, prediction of events, summarising ideas from within and across paragraphs and identifying the authors use of specific language.

### **Mathematics**

Catch up Curriculum: We will be following White Rose Hub Year 4 Summer Term before moving onto the Year 5 Autumn Term – again, this follows the White Rose Hub (a renowned successful scheme of teaching mathematics). All details of what is included can be found on their website. The year 5 progression will start with learning about place value then move onto addition and subtraction and then statistics. We will then cover multiplications and division and perimeter and area. Hopefully, all before Christmas! Changes here though, may occur as the class may need slightly more time covering one unit and this will have a knock on to the plan – we must ensure however the children are effectively caught up before moving on so that we do not leave gaps in learning.

### **Science**

Autumn 1: Changes and reproduction (taught sensitively and in line with our Catholic values).  
Autumn 2: Properties and changes of materials

### **History**

Autumn 1: Vikings vs Anglo Saxons

### **Geography**

Autumn 2: The Grand Canyon

### **Art**

Autumn 1: A Sense of Place

### **Design and Technology**

Autumn 2: Moving Toys

### **Physical Education**

Autumn 1 and 2:

Fitness and cardiovascular.

Games Unit 1: Net and Wall Games

### **Computing**

Autumn 1: iProgram

Autumn 2: iAlgorithm

This year, we are linked with Year 2 for our prayer partners.

## Values for Autumn Term:

### Curious and Active until half term

CURIOS: about the world and what we can do to make it a better place for everyone. ACTIVE: in our school, community, parish & home life to actively make a difference.

### Intentional and Prophetic after half term

INTENTIONAL: making a conscious decision to treat other people and our world in the thoughtful, kind and dignified way the Church teaches us to – this is our INTENTION. PROPHETIC: By living in the way the Church teaches – we are prophetic through setting a positive example of our faith life to others – we become like a PROPHET who can set a good example of how to live in Christ.

## A God who Speaks

The vision of the Archdiocese of Birmingham is to encourage us to reengage with scripture.

### Autumn Term 1 focus scripture:

“In the beginning the Word already existed;  
the Word was with God, and the Word was God”

John 1:1

### Autumn Term 2 focus scripture:

“The word became a human being and, full of grace  
and truth, lived among us” John 1:14