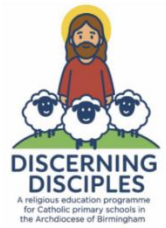
Year 5 Curriculum Overview for Parents

Autumn 2 2026-27

What will your child be learning this half term?

Religious Education (R.E.) –



Branch 2: Prophecy and Promise

In this unit we will learn about the Rosary, David's story and how he guided Israel and became king, Psalms David wrote, how David's story led to Jesus and we will look at some different types of prayer.

Reading into Writing – In Reading into Writing this half term, we are reading Roald Dahl's play, *The Witches*.



Using this, we will write a diary entry and our own play script scene.

We will be answering comprehension questions based on this text using our VIPERS scheme, focussing particularly on retrieval, inference and vocabulary.

Maths –



Negative number calculations

We will also work on our multiplication and division skills, focussing on written methods and calculations.

All times tables must be known fluently.



Spelling, Punctuation & Grammar –



Year 5 words can be found at the back of the pupil planner – it is essential that the children know how to spell these.

Spelling focus this half term: -tial/-cial, -cious/-tious, -tion/-sion, -cian, double consonant words and Year 5 words.

KIRFs –

PRIME NUMBERS

What they are and memorising the prime numbers up to 23.



History –



The Normans

We will look at the contenders to the Throne of England in 1066, the Battle of Hastings, the Bayeux Tapestry, Feudal System and the Domesday Book.

Science –



Forces

This unit covers the effects of gravity, air resistance, water resistance, and friction on objects. It explores how mechanisms like levers, pulleys, and gears magnify forces. Emphasis is on taking precise measurements, recording complex data, and presenting findings.

Physical Education (P.E.)



Children will need their PE kit in school on Mondays and Tuesdays: red round-necked PE top, navy shorts, plain black pumps.

Drama – this half-term, we will be participating in drama lessons. We will learn how to project our voice, use expression and build confidence when performing.



This half term in PE we are studying gymnastics and hockey. This will help us develop team skills, rule following skills, balance and coordination.	
Personal, Social & Health Education (PSHE) -  Our PSHE learning this half term is focussed around being created and loved by God. This unit explores the individual. Rooted in the teaching that we are made in the image and likeness of God, it helps children to develop an understanding of the importance of valuing themselves as the basis for personal relationships.	**Music –** In Music this half term we will be continuing to develop our composition and music theory skills while also preparing for our class pieces. 
Computing – Creating media: video production  We will be looking at filming techniques, how to plan and create our own video production using a story board and then evaluating this.	**DT –** In DT, we will be planning, preparing and making our own soups. We will taste a variety of vegetables and then decide which to use to make our own soup. 

Other Important Information	
Virtues focus: Faith-filled and Hopeful	Catholic Social Teaching focus: Dignity of the Human Person

Key dates for this half term:

- Tuesday 10th Nov – Year 5 to Mass at SJD 10am.
- Thursday 12th Nov – Individual & sibling photographs
- Friday 13th Nov. Year 5 Class Assembly
- Monday 16th Nov – ODD SOCK DAY
- Monday 16th Nov- Walsall FC schools tournament for certain pupils
- Wed. 18th Nov. - Year 5 Maths 'Learn with Me' for parents 9am
- Saturday 28th Nov – Christmas Fair at STM – St Joseph's school, St Joseph's church & STM.
- Monday 30th Nov – St Andrew's house assembly and own clothes for St Andrews house.
- Tues 1st Dec – Flu Vaccine follow-up
- Wed. 2nd Dec – Year 1 – 6 Treasure Island Pantomime – late return to school.
- Thurs 3rd Dec. Advent Stay & Pray at 2.45pm for Y5 & 6
- Mon 7th Dec – Nativity dress rehearsal – KS2 classes watch at 9.30am
- Wed. 9th Dec. Whole school Advent Mass at 2.15pm
- Saturday 12th Dec – 4pm at St Joseph's Darlaston – Bambinelli Sunday Mass
- Mon 14th Dec – KS2 Carol Service rehearsal in church (pm)
- Tues 15th Dec – KS2 Carol Service in church for Parents / Carers & parishioners at 2pm
- Wed. 16th Dec – Christmas jumpers & Christmas dinner
- Thurs 17th Dec – Christmas craft morning. Christmas party afternoon.
- Fri 18th Dec – Christmas Culture Day and break up!

Homework in Year 5

- Children are expected to read every day for 15 - 20 minutes – **please write in your child's planner what they have read**.
- Spellings will be stuck into **planners** and shared on the **class page** of the **school website**. Please help your child to learn these spellings at home. Spelling tests will take place on **Fridays** each week.
- Mental Maths – Please help your child to practise **addition, subtraction and multiplication facts** at home. Mental Maths tests will take place each week.