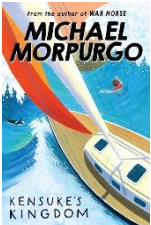




Year 5 Curriculum Overview for Parents

Summer 1 2025-26

What will your child be learning this half term?

Reading into Writing – In Reading into Writing this half term, we are reading the novel <i>Kensuke's Kingdom</i>. We will be writing a setting description, focussing on our use of commas for clarity and to avoid ambiguity, figurative language and using the five senses to describe.  We will be answering comprehension questions based on the novel using our VIPERS scheme, focussing particularly on retrieval, inference and vocabulary.	Religious Education (R.E.) – in RE, we will be learning about Easter – thinking about Church's Celebration of Easter through the Easter Vigil, about the Church's belief in eternal life through the Easter Story and the Story of the Ascension of Jesus into heaven. We will then progress onto Pentecost, where the children will gain greater insight into the Church's belief in the Holy Spirit. It will also explore the Christian belief in the Holy Trinity and prayer and devotion to the Holy Spirit. Maths – Our Maths this half term is based on percentages and geometry. • Writing percentages • Equivalent fractions, decimals and percentages • Comparing proportions using percentages • Naming and measuring angles • Drawing angles • Rectangles and squares • Quadrilateral angles • Problem solving with angles and lines • Regular and irregular polygons It is still crucial that children keep on top of their times tables knowledge, so regular practise on TT Rockstars is essential. Copies of all times tables can be found at the back of the pupil planner.
Spelling, Punctuation & Grammar – Year 5 words can be found in the pupil planner – it is essential that the children know how to spell these. Week 1: device, devise, advice, advise, stationary, stationery, assent, ascent, compliment, complement Week 2: community, bargain, communicate, accommodate, committee, awkward, achieve, category, amateur, cemetery Week 3: excellent, criticise, definite, embarrass, conscience, dictionary, familiar, equipment, exaggerate, conscious Week 4: hindrance, marvellous, guarantee, foreign, immediately, mischievous, interfere, leisure, frequently, muscle	Mental Maths – This half term we will focus on: • Decimal addition • Negative numbers • Counting backwards in intervals of more than 1

Geography - In Geography, we are studying Europe. We will be using maps to locate countries, looking at weather and climate in Europe, human and physical features, cities and tourism.	Science - In Science, we are learning about the life cycles of plants. We will be looking at reproduction of plants, the different parts of a flower and how plants can be used.
Physical Education (P.E.) Children will need their PE kit in school on Mondays and Fridays: red round-necked PE top, <u>navy</u> shorts, plain black pumps. This half term in PE, Year 5 are doing cricket and rounders.	Music - In Music this half term we will be practising our exam pieces ready for our exam in summer 2.
Personal, Social & Health Education (PSHE) - Our PSHE learning this half term is focussed around being created and loved by God. This will focus on the Holy Trinity and the Catholic Social Teaching value of dignity of work. We will also put our faith into action by preparing our school grounds for their summer flowers.	Art - In Art this half term, we are looking at set design. Our final project will be to make our own set using a shoebox and other craft items.
Computing - Selection in Quizzing: pupils develop their knowledge of selection by revisiting the 'If... Then... Else...' structure. They represent this understanding in algorithms and then by constructing programs using the Scratch programming environment. They use their knowledge of writing programs and using selection to control outcomes to design a quiz in response to a given task and implement it as a program.	

Other Important Information

Key dates for this half term:

- **PLEASE REMEMBER TO MAKE PAYMENTS FOR YEAR 5 OVERNIGHT TRIP TO WOODLANDS**
- Tuesday 14th April - Year 5 to Mass at St Joseph's, Darlaston, 10am.
- Tuesday 23rd April - St George's Day house assembly - MEMBERS OF ST GEORGE'S HOUSE COME TO SCHOOL IN OWN CLOTHES ON THIS DAY.
- Saturday 25th April - Family Mass at SJD 4pm.
- Friday 1st May - Feast of St Joseph the Worker Whole School Mass in school at 2.30pm.
- Monday 4th May - school closed for Bank Holiday.
- Friday 15th May - May Procession at 2.45pm led by Year 5 (pupils are encouraged to bring plants) - Parents invited.
- Friday 22nd May - St John's Ambulance First Aid workshops for KS2 classes.
- Friday 22nd May - break up for half term.

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 on **Fridays** each week.