



Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Primary School

Autumn Class Newsletter

Year 5

Class Teacher: Mrs Mallon

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a new year and to year 5.

I am so pleased to see all the children again after what I hope has been a lovely break for you all.

English

This half term children will be exploring the story of *Queen of the Falls*. We will be learning how to write diaries in order to recount the significant events in Annie Edson Taylor's life.

After half term we will be reading *Kai and the Monkey King* where students will learn how to write myths, create characters and settings.

Maths

During the Autumn term the children will focus on consolidating their Place Value knowledge, as well developing their Addition and Subtraction skills, then moving on to their understanding of Multiplication and Division, as well as working on their Fractions facts.

RE and Virtues

In RE this term our units of work are Creation, Miracles & Sacrament of the Sick and Advent. We will also be covering RSE and PSHE, where we will be learning more about our bodies and how they are changing. This half term our virtues are **Grateful and Generous**. After the October half term our virtues are **Attentive and Discerning**.

Topic

This term's Topic is the history topic, '**Dynamic Dynasty**'. This project teaches children about the history of ancient China, focusing primarily on the Shang Dynasty. In Geography we will be '**Investigating Our World**', where the children will learn about locating map features using a range of methods.

PE

PE will be held **every Thursday**. Please ensure children bring the correct kit on this day.

Forest School

Year 5 will be taking part in Forest School **every Monday**. The Forest School programme is designed to provide an immersive and hands-on learning experience in an outdoor environment. Students will need to ensure they have their Forest School clothes every Monday in order to participate.

Music

Year 5 will also have a violin lesson every Thursday. A reminder that your child is able to borrow a violin from school; please contact the office for further details.

Reading

Children have a book given to them to read at home, I would also encourage them to read any other books they have at home/public library/class library for pleasure. Your child should read to an adult at least 4 times a week. Try encouraging them to talk about something they liked/disliked in the book or make a prediction about the next part of the story. Within the class we will be enjoying our class novel *Bronze and Sunflower* by Cao Wenxuan.

Home Learning

Home learning is sent home via homework books every Friday, which need to be returned the following **Thursday**. The work will consist of an English or Maths piece of work, as well as a choice of topic activities per term.

Creative Curriculum

In **Science** we will be investigating *Forces and Mechanisms*.

After half term we will be learning about *Earth and Space*.

In **Art & Design** we are exploring *Tints, Tones and Shades* learning colour theory, then *Taotie* where students will learn about the art of the taotie motif, including ancient and contemporary casting methods.

In **Design** we are looking into *Moving Mechanisms*, learning about pneumatic systems.

French will also be taught this term.

Date for the Diary

Year 5 cake sale, **Friday 14th October**, all baked or bought contributions will be greatly received!

Please check the school newsletter for any important dates. Do not hesitate to contact me or the school office if you have any questions or queries.

Many thanks and best wishes, Mrs Mallon