

Year 5 Curriculum Newsletter: 1 Spring 2019

We hope you and your family have had a safe and relaxing Christmas break. We would like to take this opportunity to say a special thank you for your generous gifts and cheer.

Numeracy: Following the new curriculum, students will return to further develop addition, subtraction, multiplication and division skills that they will then apply to problem solving, reasoning and communicating, graphs and timetables are also on their way. Please continue to work with your children on their times tables at home using the weekly Times Table Challenge quiz. We encourage your child to explore the My Maths site for games as this is an engaging way for children to action their learning and further develop their numeracy skills.

Literacy: This term the students will be learning a range of writing styles including short story mysteries and journalistic writing. Children will also write short stories for entry in the Mayor's Writing Awards. Thank you for supporting your child's reading at home. We have heard from many of you about your budding and avid readers. Let's keep them reading!

Religious Education: The topic of "A Sacramental People" will develop the children's knowledge of the actions and symbols used for different sacraments. They will develop understanding of the sacraments of healing – Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick. In this year of Adoramus, the children will continue to practice the sacramental prayer in class and activities to help deepen their understanding of the Eucharist.

Science: The children will be studying materials. This will include: everyday properties and uses, solids, liquids and gases, reversible and irreversible changes and lots of practical experiments. Please try them at home too!

Physical Education: Outdoors will be football skills. The children will also continue to swim until half term. We will also continue to practice the daily mile during PE lessons and encourage the children to run this at lunchtimes on other days.

ICT: The children will become bloggers this term. E-safety will consider what is appropriate to post online. The children will be expected to combine text, graphics and video on to pages which will be eye catching and interesting to read. Children's work will be published to our school area.

Topic: The students will be learning about climate zones in our geography and history lessons. Activities related to the topic will engage and develop the student's art and DT skills. At some point we will also endeavour to make biscuits. We need to negotiate times with the Kitchen staff for use of the ovens, so although we will send the recipe in advance the notice may be short. Apologies if this happens.

PSHE: Will look at making plans and aiming for goals. We will encourage the children to discuss their learning with you at home.

Mrs Warrington & Miss Redmond

Dates to remember:

Swimming for 3 sessions on 17,24 and 31 January.