



Curriculum Information for Parents

Spring Term 1

Year

5

Literacy and Maths

Literacy:

This half term Year 5 will be looking at different writing genres, including: Stories from other cultures (Narratives), Information texts with an historical focus and Explanation texts. Within Spelling Punctuation and Grammar Year 5 will continue to work on using commas and brackets for added information as well as reinforcing our understanding on fronted adverbials and conjunctions.

Maths:

During Numeracy, your child will be looking at dividing 4-digits by 1-digits (including those with remainders), Equivalent Fractions, Improper Fractions and mixed numbers. We will endeavour to look at Number Sequences, Addition, Subtraction and Multiplication of Fractions and Fractional amounts.

Topics

Week 1: RELATIONSHIPS

In this topic we will be looking at what makes a good friendship and understanding how positive relations support wellbeing. The children will be taught to respect differences and similarities between people and recognise features of a healthy family life or committed relationships.

Week 2 & 3: APOCALYPTON/ MAYANS

Year 5 will learn where the Mayans lived; the ranking system in the Mayan civilisation; beliefs of some of the Gods and Goddesses and finally what and where the Chichen Itza is.

Week 4 & 5: AFRICAN ART

During our Art topic, the children will create a sunset background for a silhouette picture (linked to African Wildlife). The class will then be taught the meanings behind some African Masks before entering the design process for their very own African Masks.

Week 6: PEOPLE OF FAITH

Within our Religious Education topic, Year 5 will explore the similarities and differences between the behaviour and values of Christians and people of other faiths (incl. Islam). The children will learn about people of different faiths and what motivates them.

Religious Education

- Our Christian value this half-term is **Wisdom**.
- Daily collective worship will take place in class and in year group bubbles.
- Year 5 will continue with their Understanding Christianity, applying their learning to the 'Big Frieze'.

Physical Education

Indoor PE:

Circuit Training

PE will be on Tuesday and Friday afternoons.

Outdoor PE:

Football

Computing

This half term Year 5 will be looking at using word processing to create and research important information. The children will continue to develop their coding skills and 3D modelling, using Purple Mash. We will also begin to develop our understanding of Concept Maps.

Home Learning and Other Relevant Information

At St Thomas' we believe that the link between home and school is essential to ensure your child can continue to make good progress. Below are some of the ways you can help:

- Encourage your child to complete our 9 Grid homework every week. They will have a booklet for each term.
- Discuss your child's learning and topic work. Ask about their 'Always' badge.
- Your child will need his / her planner everyday so that we are able to keep in contact and it must be signed weekly. **This is checked every Friday.**

