



Curriculum Information for Parents

Spring Term 2

Year

5

Literacy and Maths

Literacy:

This half term Year 5 will be looking at different writing genres, including: writing a biography of Sir David Attenborough and a diary entry of a Working Victorian child. The children will then create a Poem linked to the Easter Story. Within Spelling lessons, we will continue to work on our strategies as well as handwriting.

Maths:

During Numeracy, your child will be looking at Decimals (up to 2 decimal places), Equivalent Fractions and Decimals. We will endeavour to look at Rounding Decimals, Understanding Percentages, Multiply and Divide Fractions and Identify/Measure angles.

Topics

Week 1 & 2: VICTORIANS

In this topic we will be looking at what life was like in Oldham during the Victorian Era. The children will complete a local study of Oldham 'then' (during the Industrial Revolution) and 'now'. We will discuss who Dame Sarah Lees was, where raw cotton came from and why the Industrial Revolution ended.

Week 3 & 4: CYCLE OF LIFE (LIFE CYCLES)

During Science, Year 5 will learn about the different life cycles/processes of animals and plants. The children will record data and results from experiments and present findings in written form (Charts, Diagrams and Presentations).

Week 5 & 6: MAP MANIA

During our Geography topic, the children will learn to use four figure grid references and the eight points of a compass to locate countries in Europe, North and South America. The class will then be taught different lines of longitude and latitude (incl. Greenwich Meridian), as well as comparing rural and urban locations in the United Kingdom.

Week 7: WHO WAS JESUS? WHO IS JESUS?

In this topic, Year 5 will explore who Jesus was and the strong connection between Christmas and Easter. We will then discuss why Christians believe Jesus was/is the Messiah.

Religious Education

- Our Christian value this half-term is **Service**.
- 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:
Dance

PE will be on Tuesday and Friday afternoons.

Outdoor PE:
Outdoor and Adventurous Activities incl. Orienteering

Computing

This half term Year 5 will continue to use word processing to create and research important information. The children will further develop their coding skills and 3D modelling, using Purple Mash. We will also begin to increase our use of Google Classroom.

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.**