



St Mary's Catholic Primary School

Spring 1 and 2 Class Newsletter

Year 5

Class Teacher: Mr Thompson

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you have had an enjoyable and peaceful Christmas, and are looking forward to a very busy 2024!

Prayer and RE learning

At the start of the Spring term we will be looking at Christmas. The unit involves exploring the birth of Jesus from the Gospels of Matthew and Luke, as well as learning about some of the images of Christ that are found in the Prologue to the Gospel of John.

We will then be focussing on the following units: Baptism and Confirmation: Celebrations of the Holy Spirit, Lent. Holy Week and Prayers in the Lives of Followers of Christ.

Prayer focus this term is: Hail Holy Queen (Salve Regina)

Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy;

Hail our life, our sweetness and our hope.

To you we cry, poor banished children of Eve.

To you we send up our sighs,

mourning and weeping in this vale of tears.

Turn then, most gracious advocate, your eyes of mercy towards us;

And after this, our exile,

show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.

That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Amen

Maths

Over the two Spring terms, we will be developing our Mathematical knowledge by focussing on: multiplication and division; fractions; decimals and percentages; perimeter and area and statistics. It is imperative your child is practicing their times tables at home on a daily basis as this will underpin much of their learning.

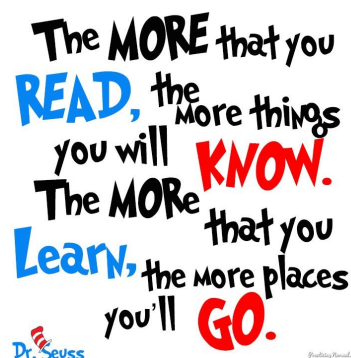
English

Class novel: **Who Let The Gods Out** by Maz Evans.

This text will support our VIPERS guided reading comprehension skills, as well as supplementing our historical knowledge (Ancient Greeks).

We will also be basing our writing tasks on this subject, beginning with creating Fact Files about Greek Gods. This will be followed by a study of Greek Civilisations, which will then be used as a focus for debating and persuasive writing.

Our focus in poetry will see us rewriting Greek myths and legends in variety of poetry styles.



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Art

In art this term we will be looking at painting, and how we mix colours. This will culminate with children painting a picture in the style of Swiss painter, Paul Klee.

Science

Our Science topic this term involves learning about how and why we categorise living things. Following this, we will be looking at Evolution.

P.E

This term we will be partaking in dance activities, beginning with the unit 'Dance by Chance'. This will be followed by '70s Disco'.

Virtues for the two terms:

Spring 1: Compassionate and Loving

Spring 2: Faith-Filled and Hopeful

Our children will learn more about these virtues and how to be compassionate towards other people in their community and the wider world, and to show loving by their actions and words. The children will be growing to be faith-filled in their beliefs and hopeful for the future.

Catholic Social Teaching strands:

Family and Community

Solidarity and the Common Good

Expectations for home learning in Year 5

Maths and Literacy homework will continue to be set on a Tuesday and should be completed by the following Monday. This can be completed either on GoogleDrive or on a printed copy, which are available upon request.

PE days

We will continue to swim on Mondays afternoons until the end of the term (Spring Term 1)

Friday remains our day for P.E and all children are required to partake in this part of the curriculum.

Water bottles and uniform

Please ensure your child has a water bottle in school each day, containing water only.

Children are no longer required to change shoes at school, and should have appropriate black school shoes to be worn at all times. Trainers are required for P.E. For any other queries, please see Mr O'Connor's uniform expectations letter.

Dates for the diary

31.1.24— Whole School Mass
9.30am

21.2.24 KS2 Mass at Church
9.30am

Please also be advised that there will be updates on Manor Adventure this term.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Thompson

