



BE LIKE JESUS. BE YOUR BEST. BE SAFE. BE CARING.

Welcome Back

Welcome back! We hope that you have had a fun-filled summer holiday and that you're ready for some exciting and challenging learning in Year Five!

Franciscan Values

As a school, we continue to celebrate our Franciscan heritage through our seven values – based on the Franciscan values. The seven values are: Joy, Forgiveness, Faith, Respect, Service, Peace and Stewardship. These underpin all that we do as a school. We will all strive to live out these values on a daily basis but each class will pay close attention to their own value. In Year 5, our value is **peace**. Take some time to think, what does peace mean? Do you know any Bible stories that promote peace? How can we show peace in our lives?



R.E.

Our first topic in RE this term is 'Ourselves'. In this topic we will explore how each person is made in the image and likeness of God. We will seek to discover our God-given talents and qualities and appreciate our uniqueness. We will be learning about the story of Creation and some of the scriptures that tell us about how God knows and loves each one of us. Look out for our 'Knowledge Organiser' on the class webpage, which will help support your learning in RE.

Our second topic this half term is 'Life Choices, in which we will be thinking about the symbols and actions of marriage. We will be learning about commitments and responsibilities and how the Church family celebrates marriage. This 'Knowledge Organiser' can also be accessed on the class webpage. Prayer and worship remain an integral part of each day and the children are very welcome to bring in and share any prayers or books for our class prayer table.

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This half term, our class liturgical prayers will take place on Thursday 21st September. You are welcome to join us for this at 3pm in the school hall.

English

Spelling: We are continuing with Read, Write, Inc spellings this year, with three fifteen-minute spelling lessons per week. Assessment throughout a unit is ongoing, and each week children will log 6 words that they have found difficult in their 'Spelling Logs'. It is important to note that these words are personalised to each child, and therefore there is no 'set' spelling list each week. Due to the 3-day cycle of the scheme, the day of the week that these words will be recorded will change. We will, however, endeavor to ensure that the children put their logbooks into their bags ready for home practice after each lesson. These words are then tested in partners (in a low-stakes manner) at the start of the following unit. You can help your child by practising the words in their logbook each night at home, and by revisiting words learnt in previous weeks.

Writing: In our Talk 4 Writing lessons this term, we will be creating our own setting description, followed by our own poetry books. To add depth to our setting descriptions, we will be learning how to integrate the rule of three using personification, learning how to reflect the mood using pathetic fallacy and building upon our 'show, not tell' skills (for example, 'tears brimmed over his lashes', rather than 'he started to cry').

Grammatically, we will be learning how to effectively integrate relative clauses, brackets, semi-colons and building upon our use of fronted adverbials and expanded noun phrases.

Reading: Firstly, thank you for your continued support with the children's reading across the years – it is greatly appreciated! In Year 5, children are expected to read at home for a minimum of 10-15 minutes a day every day – the more the better!

They are also expected to complete the correlating MyBookBlog activities for their home reading books too. We also ask that the children continue to utilize their reading bookmarks at home, on which they are to write down any words that they are unfamiliar with or have struggled to pronounce. Your child is expected to bring their home reading books into school once a week on a set day (they will be made aware of their day this week). This is so that teachers and teaching assistants can listen to them read and track their progress. If your child fails to bring their book two weeks in a row, you will receive a letter making you aware of this.

Maths

In Maths this half term, we will begin with place value up to 1,000,000. This is followed by addition and subtraction and their formal methods, and then a revisit of graphs and tables. Finally, we will work on formal methods of multiplication and division towards the end of the half term. Practise on TimesTablesRockstars will help with this greatly!

P.E.

The children will have two P.E. lessons each week. This half term, our P.E days will be **Tuesdays** and **Fridays**. As previously, children are to come to school in their active uniform. Outdoor kit should include plain black tracksuit bottoms, yellow polo shirt, yellow sweatshirt and outdoor trainers. Please ensure all items are fully labelled! For convenience, I politely ask that long hair be tied back, and earrings removed on P.E. days. Whilst we advise against it, if your child's earrings are new and unable to be taken out, they must be taped over with surgical tape, brought in from home.

Meet the Teacher Night

Our annual Meet the Teacher evening is to take place on Wednesday September 20th. You are invited to attend this event in person in the Year 5 classroom at either 3.45pm or 4.30pm, however if you cannot attend, the presentation slides will be emailed out also.

BikeAbility

BikeAbility (Level 2) will take place on Tuesday October 3rd for Year 5. Permission letters for this will be sent out shortly, however if your child will require bike and helmet hire for this day, please can you inform the office (either by phone or email) by **September 22nd** at the latest. We cannot guarantee they will be able to partake if we do not receive confirmation of this prior to the deadline. Bike hire is £5 per day, to be brought in cash on the day.

Parents Evening & APDR Meetings

Parents evening this term falls on **Wednesday 18th & Thursday 19th October**. The SchoolCloud link will be sent to

you in good time to arrange an appointment, which is a 10-minute online slot. Our SEN APDR meetings will take place on **Wednesday September 27th**. These are 20-minute slots which can be arranged for face to face or online appointments. Again, the link will be sent to you in good time to arrange your slot.

Brass Lessons

For music, Year 5 will be continuing our brass lessons. These will fall on a Friday afternoon, so please ensure that the children bring their instruments in on Thursdays, ready for our lessons. Children are expected to practise their instruments at home to support their progress.

Foundation Subjects

To see a breakdown of our foundation subjects (History, Geography, Art, D&T, RSE, P.E, Spanish & Computing) please see the curriculum overview on our class webpage.

Homework

As the children enter Upper Key Stage 2, we promote responsibility for learning through weekly homework. Homework is set every Friday, due to be returned the following Friday. Homework will be sent home (and is to be returned) in their personalised homework journal. If the children do not complete or return their homework, I will provide time (outside of lessons) for them to complete the work with me. They are more than welcome to ask you for support with their homework if needed, but if substantial support was needed, please make a note of this on the sheet so that I am aware of this upon return. Alternatively, overarching homework projects may be set. These will span over a few weeks/a half term and details of each project will be sent home in plenty of time.

Twitter

As a reminder, our class Twitter page is @StLizClass18. I strongly recommend following this page to be kept up to date with all things Year 5. Think of it as a virtual noticeboard!

Water Bottles

Please make sure that children are sent into school with a refillable water bottle each day. Whilst so warm, children are encouraged to keep water bottles next to them in lessons, however we have already had a few spillages! To help avoid this, when choosing their next water bottle, please encourage children to choose one with a straw/sports caps as opposed to screw tops.

If you have any quick questions, please feel free to speak to me at the end of the school day, once all of the children have been dismissed. If, at that point, you feel you require a longer appointment, we can arrange a meeting via the school office (01773 822278). We are really looking forward to an exciting half term and a fun-filled year!

Thank you in advance for your support.

Miss Holmes, Miss Booth & Mrs. Plastow

