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Welcome Back

Welcome back! We had a fantastic first half term and the children have settled into Year 5 wonderfully. During the first half of the Advent term, we welcomed Miss Shepperson to the Year 5 team. Miss Shepperson joins us from the University of Derby and will be on placement with us until Friday 8th December. As the next half term progresses, she will be teaching the class more regularly.

R.E.

We have started our second topic of the term, '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. On the week beginning Monday 20th November, we will be holding an Other Faiths week in school. All of the classes in school will be learning about an aspect of Jewish faith. In Year 5, we will be learning about Passover and the story of Exodus. Following our Other Faiths week, our third R.E. topic this year is called Hope, in which we will learn all about the significance of Advent and how it is a time to remember God's promise to send a Messiah. We learn about the symbolism of the Advent Wreath and study Isaiah 40: 9-11, in which he prophesized that the 'glory of the Lord will be revealed'. 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. There has been a recent change to some of our religious vocabulary, and we will now be referring to our times of collective worship and liturgical prayer as 'Celebration of the Word'.

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Following our beautiful Remembrance Celebration of the Word this week, we have no further ones planned for this half term.

English

Writing: Following our fantastic setting description topic last half term, we are currently finishing a beautiful topic on 'blackout poetry', where the children will create a new poem by blacking out words from an existing one.

Upon completion of this, we will undertake two further topics this half term: a balanced discussion and a myth.

Our balanced discussion will be linked to our current class story, Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone, with our model text discussing the question 'Should Magic be Allowed Outside of Hogwarts?'. Over the course of the topic, the children will learn about formality, conjunctive adverbials to link their arguments together, how to use generalisers and modal verbs and how bias can affect the purpose of a text.

Following this, and linking to our upcoming Ancient Greeks history topic, the children will create their own myth, based upon our model text of Perseus and Medusa. To build action and suspense within this topic, the children will be encouraged to integrate writer's tricks such as onomatopoeia, repetition, dramatic fronted adverbials, direct speech and short sentences.

Reading: The children's reading in Year 5 is coming along splendidly, and we are really noticing the impact of home reading! As a reminder, the children should 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 book into school once a week, on a set day (which the children are aware of). 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.

In our Talk for Reading sessions this half term, we will be covering extracts, lyrics and videos from texts such as Private Peaceful, Pope Francis's Laudato Si, The Girl Who Stole an Elephant, Spirit, Where is the Love? and John Lewis's The Spirit of Christmas advert.

Maths

In Maths this half term, having finished our graphs and tables topic, we are now moving forward with Multiplication and Division. This includes short multiplication (multiplying larger numbers by a one-digit number), bus stop division (dividing larger numbers by a one-digit number), squared and cubed numbers, factors and multiples, and multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1,000. Practise on TimesTablesRockstars will help with this greatly!

P.E.

The children will have two P.E. lessons each week and as previously, our P.E days will remain on a **Tuesday** and **Friday**. This term, they are doing Outdoor Adventurous Activities (orienteering) on Tuesdays and Football on Fridays. Children are to come to school in their active uniform on these days. 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.

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. There have been lots of children regularly forgetting their instruments, and this is really hindering their ability to keep pace with the rest of the class. As part of their instrument home contract, children are expected to take their instrument home each week to practice.

Foundation Subjects

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

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!

Homework

The children have been fantastic with their homework so far this year! I am fully aware of the support from home this requires so would also like to thank parents and guardians for their support with this. As requested, our school calculation policy, along with some tutorial videos, have been uploaded onto the homework tab of our class page to help you support your children with homework.

As we are now entering our Earth and Space science topic, the children are also going to be given a project, spanning the length of this half-term, to investigate a chosen planet ready to present in a class science fair at the end of this term. Letters detailing the information needed for this will be sent home in the first week back.

School Trip

We are so excited for our class trip to Nottingham's National Justice Museum on Thursday 23rd November. As a reminder, our coach will depart at 9.15am and return at 3.45pm. If your child usually goes home on our school or Belper bus, you must make alternative arrangements for their journey home on this day. Children must bring their own packed lunch in a small backpack, and must wear their full **active uniform** (along with a warm coat!). Payment for this trip (a contribution of £19.30) is to be paid, via ParentPay, by Thursday 23rd November.

As part of our day, children are engaging in a mock courtroom trial for a cyberbullying case. Children have been allocated a role for this trial, and a copy of any relevant information they need for the day has been put in their homework folder so that you can help support them with this should you wish!

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

Dates For Your Diary		
23.11.23	9:15-15:45	Class Trip to Nottingham's National Justice Museum Our coach will depart at 9.15 and will return to school at 3.45pm. Children must bring their own packed lunch in a small backpack, along with a warm coat. Please can children wear their active uniform .
27.11.23	All Day	LAMDA Exams
01.12.23	All Day	Non-Uniform Day (Chocolate Donations for the SEA) Your child may wear non-uniform. We ask for a donation of an item of chocolate for our Christmas Fayre. Saint Ralph Sherwin Feast Day We will also be celebrating the Feast Day of St Ralph Sherwin with the children on this date.
08.12.23	All Day	Non-Uniform Day (Bottle Donations for the SEA) Your child may wear non-uniform. We ask for a donation of a bottle for our Christmas Fayre.
15.12.23	Open to parents from 14:30	SEA Christmas Fayre Please support our SEA to raise funds for school by visiting our Christmas Fayre.
21.12.23	10:15 – 11:15	Whole School Advent Mass You are invited to join us for the celebration of the Mass on the theme of Waiting in Joyful Hope.
22.12.23	13:30	Carols Around the Tree You are invited to join us for a celebration of carols around the tree in the school hall. The Children break up for the Christmas holidays.
W.C 25.12.23 & 01.12.23	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS	
09.01.24	Children return to school	