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Welcome Back

Welcome back! We hope you have all had a lovely half term and we are looking forward to having the children back in school for our Lent 2 term – a busy one!

R.E.

We have started our fourth topic of the term, 'Memorial Sacrifice', in which we will learn all about the significance of the link between the Eucharist and the Last Supper. We will investigate transubstantiation and consecration and how we remember Jesus' ultimate sacrifice today. These Knowledge organisers can be accessed on the class webpage. The following R.E. topic is 'Sacrifice', in which we learn more about the actions, signs and symbols of Lent, particularly Maundy Thursday of Holy Week.

On the afternoon of Friday March 15th, we have our Big Lent Walk day, where we will complete a sponsored walk around the school grounds. Y5 children will already be in their P.E. kit on this day so will be ready to walk. However, they may want to bring wellies or walking boots if the ground is wet! If you are able to donate, the link to our Just Giving page to support this event is here: <https://schools.walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/st-elizabeths-big-lent-walk-2024>

Year 5 are also leading a Celebration of the Word on Thursday 29th February. Families of Year 5 pupils are welcome to join us in the school hall for a 3pm start.

Maths

In Maths this half term, we are continuing with fractions. We have already learnt how to convert mixed and improper fractions, have recapped equivalent fractions and how to use fractions as division. We will now move forward with adding and subtracting fractions. Daily arithmetic practice also takes place each morning to nail down the four main operations (+ - x and ÷).

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English

Writing: We will begin the term by finishing off our myth hot writes. We will then be creating our own explanation double page spread texts, based upon our Geography 'Water Cycle' unit. To support this unit, we will investigate the use of causal conjunctions, technical vocabulary, the use of similes to compare processes, present tense, generalisers and 2nd person.

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. We are aware that MyBookBlog has been experiencing some technical problems recently and we appreciate your patience with this. I am in touch with them frequently and they have assured us that they are investigating these issues.

This half term, our class read is Cloud Busting by Malorie Blackman. Each day we will read one of Blackman's innovative poems, all of which take a variety of forms, which will form the basis of our next writing poetry unit.

In our Talk for Reading sessions this half term, we will be covering extracts, lyrics and videos from texts such as No Ballet Shoes in Syria, Wonder, Midnight Fox and Malala – My Story of Standing Up for Women's Rights.

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.

P.E.

The children will have two P.E. lessons each week; **Wednesday** and **Fridays**. This term, they are continuing with dance on Wednesdays and striking and fielding 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.

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, has been uploaded onto the homework tab of our class page to help you support your children with homework.

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!

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.

World Book Day

On Thursday 7th March, we are celebrating one of our favourite days in the school calendar – World Book Day! Children can come to school dressed as their favourite book character. Please do not feel the need to buy expensive costumes however - simple, homemade costumes are just as fantastic! ☺ Children are invited to bring their favourite book/comic into school for buddy reading, but please ensure these are named so they don't get lost! Parents and carers of the whole school are invited to join our World Book Day assembly, which will take place at 9.15am in the school hall.

Lea Green Residential

Both the children and Year 5 staff are so excited for our upcoming residential! All permission forms have been completed and returned, and copies of parent information and kit lists have also been sent home.

To recap, the children are to be dropped off at Lea Green at 9.45am on Wednesday March 20th. Signal permitting, I will endeavor to post pictures and updates on the class twitter! Children are then to be collected from Lea Green at 2pm on Friday March 22nd.

Don't forget: the children must bring a **packed lunch** on the Wednesday (unless one has been pre-ordered from the school canteen), all children must bring a **reusable water bottle**, any **pre-discussed medication** must be handed over to Miss Holmes upon arrival at Lea Green and children can bring **up to £5 in cash** to buy sweets and souvenirs from the tuck stop. If you have any queries about the trip, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Upcoming events in the Lent 2 term

- **Wednesday March 6th**: Mother's Day Gift Sale. £2 per gift. Gifts will be ready wrapped for the children.

- **Thursday March 7th**: World Book Day. Children can come dressed as their favourite book characters, ready for a fun-filled day celebrating our love of books and reading!

- **Wednesday March 20th – Friday 22nd**: Lea Green Residential!

- **Thursday March 28th**: Easter Ping Pong Ball Race and Easter Hat Parade. Break-up day!

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

06.03.24		Mother's Day Gift Sale
07.03.24		World Book Day
19.03.24		LAMDA exams (for those who have applied)
20.03.24 – 23.03.24		Lea Green Residential
28.03.24		Easter Ping Pong Ball Race and Easter Hat Parade.
w/c 28.03.24	EASTER BREAK	
15.04.24	Children return to school	