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## Welcome Back

Welcome back! We hope you have all had a lovely Easter break we are looking forward to having the children back in school for our Pentecost 1 term.

This half term we welcome two Derby University students into our classroom, Miss Winfieldale and Miss Holdsworth. As the half term progresses, they will both be teaching the class more regularly.

## R.E.

Due to the early Easter this year, we are currently still finishing off our 'Sacrifice' Lent topic in R.E, in which we will learn more about the actions, signs and symbols of Lent, particularly Maundy Thursday of Holy Week. After this, we will move onto the topic of Transformation, the first of our Pentecost based topics. During this topic, we will look at the how the power of the Holy Spirit has the potential to transform. We refer back to St. Paul's letter to the Romans and his powerful transformation (from Saul to St. Paul). We also investigate the Fruits of the Spirit and how we can use these within our everyday lives to transform ourselves and others.

Year 5 are not due to lead any Celebrations of the Word this half term.

## Maths

For the first portion of this half term, we are continuing with fractions; namely multiplying fractions and revisiting fractions of amounts. After that, we will begin looking at decimals and percentages. We cover writing decimals, decimals as fractions, understanding thousandths, ordering and comparing decimals and equivalent fractions, decimals and percentages. Daily arithmetic practice also takes place each morning to nail down the four main operations.

## RODSLEY PENTECOST 1

### English

**Writing:** After finishing our Water Cycle explanation text, we are first engaging in Shakespeare Week! During Shakespeare Week, our text focus is the wonderful Macbeth. We investigate the characters of Macbeth, explore Shakespearian language, create our very own Toil and Trouble rhyming poem and ponder and debating who is really to blame for King Duncan's death.

Following Shakespeare week, we are moving onto our form poetry unit, based upon Cloud Busting by Malorie Blackman. Each day we will read one of Blackman's innovative poems, all of which take a variety of forms as a narrative retelling, which will form the basis of our next writing poetry unit.

**Reading:** 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 Who Let the Gods Out? by Maz Adams.

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, Great Expectations, Wolf Brother, The Wolves of Willoughby Chase and You are Old, Father William.

## 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, the children will be practicing striking and fielding on Wednesdays and athletics skills 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 Concert

Exciting news! Year 5 are performing a brass concert at **2.45pm on Friday May 24<sup>th</sup>** (the last day of this half term). Parents and families of our Year 5 brass players are welcome to come and listen to the wonderful music we have learnt over the past 9 months. In preparation for this, it is pivotal that children **bring their instruments in ready for our Friday afternoon lessons**. It is also imperative that **all** children take their instruments home to practice their concert pieces. They are tricky pieces; the more practice, the better!

## Scholastic Book Fair

The week commencing Monday April 22<sup>nd</sup>, the Scholastic Book Fair is in town! During school time, the children will attend the fair and create a 'wish list' of books they like the look of. They can then bring this home to pass on their wishes! Items can be ordered using the QR code on the letter or at the following link:

<https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/pay>

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

## Office Reception Area – Our Stewardship Pledge

In the Autumn term, to celebrate Stewardship Day and to honour one of our key school values, each class adopted an outdoor area of the school to protect and nourish. We chose the area outside of our school office. As a class, we were aware that it was looking a little run-down and we wanted our school visitors to be greeted with something prettier! To help support us with our pledge, we wrote a letter to the SEA asking if they would help fund this. They kindly accepted and our work has finally come to fruition. We have turned old pallets into beautiful planters, installed bee and insect houses to protect our wildlife, installed a bird table and even created a banner of St. Francis, whose footsteps we are trying to follow. Here are some images of this area now... **Thank you SEA members for supporting our mission!**



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

<b>06.05.24</b>	Whole School	May Day Bank Holiday
<b>20.06.24</b>	Whole School	Pentecost celebrations – come in your best party clothes as we celebrate the birthday of the Church!
<b>24.05.24</b>	Whole School	SEA cake sale - please bring cakes to share (in their original packaging or if home-baked, all ingredients and allergens listed) and some money to treat yourselves to some yummy cakes!
<b>24.05.24</b>	Y5	Brass Concert – to begin promptly at 2.45pm in the school hall
<b>w/c 27.05.24</b>	<b>May Half Term</b>	
<b>03.06.24</b>	<b>Children return to school</b>	