



Dear Parents/Carers of Year 5 pupils,

Welcome to Year 5 and the new school year. This letter highlights the topics we will be covering this term.

English: In English we will be focussing on the following texts: The texts Hidden Figures, Curiosity: The Story of Mars Rover, Everest and Tanka Poetry. With each book, children are given the opportunity to explore it using drama, spoken language, reading and the development of grammar through writing. The writing styles that we will be learning about this term are biographies, persuasive writing, newspaper reports, non-chronological reports, balanced arguments and nonsense poetry.

Maths: In Maths, we will be learning about Place Value and Number. This will include learning how to round numbers, order and compare numbers, read and write numbers, and much more. We will also be learning more how to use mental methods to calculate, as well as formal written methods. We will be applying this knowledge to problem solving tasks, so it is important that the children have a good understanding of number bonds and the times tables. We will then begin to explore fractions.

RE: In RE, we will begin the term by learning about our school mission statement and class saint. Our RE unit is Creation and Covenant with a focus on Moses and The Burning Bush, followed by Prophecy and Promise.

History: This term, we will be exploring if the Vikings were raiders, traders or something else.

Geography: This term, we are learning about what life is like living in the Alps.

Science: In Science, we are learning about materials, how to mix and separate them; about their properties and how they can change.

Art: This term, In Art, we will be learning about art installations, exploring space and scale in 3D art. This will include constructions, planning installations and communicating ideas.

D&T: Next half-term, in DT, we will be learning about depth, emotion and movement in drawing. We will study the art of Charlie Mackesy and Elizabeth Catlett before developing our own compositions conveying feeling and energy.

PE: PE is on Monday and Friday this term.

This half-term we will be learning football skills and dance. Next half-term, we will be learning skills in gymnastics and netball.

Computing: In Computing, we are learning about Online Safety, Search Engines and Scratch.

PSHE: This term we are exploring our feelings and thoughts in the topic 'Being Me In My World'. We will also be learning about our differences and celebrating them.

French: This half-term, we will be learning nouns, genders, numbers and adjectives through the topic 'French Monster Pets'. Next half-term, we will be learning about space exploration in French.

Music: In Music, our learning is focused on the songs 'Livin' On A Prayer' and a variety of jazz songs.

If you have any questions, please email me: year5@stpauls373.herts.sch.uk

Yours sincerely,
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