

Dear Parents/Carers of Year 5 pupils,

Welcome back to our new term. This letter highlights the topics we will be covering until Christmas.

English: In English, we will begin the term with Cinquain poetry based around the poem, *Where The Poppies Now Grow*. We will then move onto narrative writing based around the focus text, *The Promise*. The children will use this text as inspiration for their own short story. To end the term the children will be writing biographies about fantastically great women who changed the world. Each English lesson will be based around our texts, giving children the opportunity to explore them using drama, spoken language, reading and the development of grammar through writing.

Maths: In Maths, we will be learning more about number, including adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing. We will be using 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 be moving onto our new unit called Prophecy and Promise.

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

Science: In Science, we are learning about how materials can be mixed and separated.

D&T: In Design and Technology, we will be adapting and making our own bolognese recipes.

PE: PE is on a Wednesday and Friday this half-term. Children will be learning skills in gymnastics and netball. Those children who were attending swimming before half-term will continue to do so unless otherwise advised.

Computing: In Computing, we will be moving onto a new programming unit that focus' on using the program Scratch to put together music.

PSHE: This term we will be exploring our differences and celebrating them.

French: This term, we will be learning about space exploration in French.

Music: In Music, we will be exploring the genre of jazz.

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

Yours sincerely,

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