



Scotforth St Paul's C of E Primary & Nursery School

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Dear Year 5 Parents,

Welcome to the final term in Year 5! The academic year is fast disappearing but we still have lots to do. This term looks as busy as any and we hope it will prove to be as enjoyable.

Literacy topics include persuasive writing, debating, letter writing and myths and legends (the latter fitting in well with our Ancient Greek topic). We continue to do weekly spelling lessons and guided reading. In spelling we will be focusing particularly on the Year 5 and 6 spelling lists which will be sent home with the children. In order for the children to achieve expected progress at the end of Year 5, they should be able to spell **most** of the Year 5 words so please help them to learn these at home. We also encourage the children to read independently on a daily basis.

Numeracy topics include problem solving, fractions, decimals and percentages, shape and space. The number work will include adding and subtracting fractions and finding various percentages of amounts. We will be focusing on accurate and concise written methods for multiplication and division (including short division and long multiplication), and it is important that the children have a secure knowledge of their times tables for this. Please help them in this area if they are struggling.

In addition to Literacy and Numeracy we will continue to study many other subjects. Our science topic is Living Things and includes the life cycle of a flowering plant, pollination, seed formation, and seed dispersal. We will also research the life cycles of mammals, amphibians, insects and birds.

Our computing topics include animation and data handling. Art and DT lessons include a study of textiles and the making of mood boards linked to a Greek mythical creature. Our R.E. topic is People of Faith and this includes learning about what motivates people of faith and how they inspire others. We will also look at women in the Old Testament.

The main history topic is the Ancient Greeks- heroes, heroines, gods, goddesses, legends, monsters, etc.

Later in the term, we will be sending home a topic homework linked to Ancient Greece.

P.E. lessons will include Thursday morning swimming sessions at the university. Please ensure that your son or daughter has all their swimming kit on these days. If for any reason your child should be unable to swim one week, a note will be necessary. We will also be fitting in rounders, tennis and athletics. Please ensure that your child's P.E. kit is in school at all times.

In music we will be studying dynamics, pitch, timbre, rhythm and tempo and writing compositions linked to Greek myths.

In French, we will read the Very Hungry Caterpillar and make up our own versions. This will include learning about adjectives and adjectival agreement, as well as days of the week, numbers and food.

As we mentioned to you at the parents' consultation evening, the new curriculum is considerably more demanding, especially in terms of spellings, grammar and punctuation in literacy and the area of fractions, decimals and percentages in maths. Any support you can give your children, such as supporting them to learn spellings or times tables, would be very welcome.

You will receive an individual report on your child's progress in July. Please do not hesitate to contact us before this if you feel it would be helpful.

Yours sincerely

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