

### Reading

Please ensure your child reads at least three times a week and records it in their reading diary. We have a very generously stocked class library available for all Year Five pupils, as well as suggesting that all children have a library membership to Staffordshire Libraries. Accelerated Reader recommends that children should read for 30 minutes every day for maximum progress.

### Homework and Spellings

Each week your child should complete the following homework which can be done at any point during that time:

Homework project — 20-30 minutes on average, due on Wednesday.  
TimesTable RockStars — minimum of 10 minutes practice  
Spellings — practice until confident, test on Wednesday.

If children are struggling to complete their homework they will be able to attend a homework club which allows them to focus on their work on a Wednesday lunchtime.

If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to call the office and make an appointment to see me, or email me at:

[Year5-KS2@StJohnsKidsgrove.org.uk](mailto:Year5-KS2@StJohnsKidsgrove.org.uk)

Yours sincerely  
Mr Wiggs



## Megacities



**Year Five  
Autumn Term 2023**

## WELCOME BACK

Below is a brief outline of what we will be learning in each subject during the second part of our Autumn Term.

### Catholic Virtues

This half term our Catholic Virtues are attentive and discerning. We are attentive to our own lives, the lives of others around us, and how we can help those who need it. We are constantly listening to our calling from God, a feeling in our heart that guides us towards an illuminated future. We look for paths that lead us towards our future vocations, and we are careful in the choices we make, and how they impact other people. We celebrate the positive choices in life, and strive to improve where we see weaknesses or challenges. We pray that God watch over us and guide us as we seek to make the world a better place.

**Let the wise listen and add to their learning, and let the discerning get guidance.**

***Proverbs 1:5***

### Religious Education

In RE this term, children will be taking a deeper look at the miracles Jesus performed, and how these relate to the Sacrament of the Sick, performed in the name of Christ by priests around the world today to people in need.

We will also be exploring the significance of the season Advent in the preparation for celebrating Christmas. The children will have the opportunity to lead times of collective worship during class-based liturgies and prayers throughout the year.

### English

Our focus this half term will be on reading and creating poetry. Our main piece for this work will be *The Highwayman* by Alfred Noyes, a narrative poem of love, death, and betrayal. Towards the end of the term we will also be looking at a seasonal picture book from which we will be creating our own non-fiction writing pieces. This will allow us to explore figurative devices, such as similes, metaphors, alliteration and hyperbole. We will then apply this learning to a variety of other poems.

We will be continuing to develop our understanding of sentence structure, and how to compose interesting and varied paragraphs that captivate and engage the reader, without making mistakes.

### Maths

This half term we will be moving our learning on to the three types of fractions (proper, improper, and mixed), as well as continuing our learning about multiplication and division strategies. This will then allow us to perform operations on fractions, such as adding and subtracting. We will improve our confidence with equivalent fractions, and knowing how to solve questions by converting to equivalence.

### Science

This half term continues our exploration of physical materials, where we shall be looking at dissolving solid materials in liquids to create solutions, and performing an experiment to demonstrate our knowledge of variables and controls. Later, we will then ask how can we reverse this process, retrieving dissolved material from the solvent, understanding the real-world uses of separating materials.

### P.E — Wednesday (Swimming)

This half-term, Year Five will be continuing to attend our statutory swimming lessons, which help us to achieve the target of all children being able to safely swim a minimum of 25m by the end of primary school, as well as understanding about water safety.

For swimming lessons, all children must have a swimming cap (available for purchase from Alsager Leisure Centre) as well as a suitable swimming costume (single-piece costume for girls, swimming trunks or briefs for boys—Bermuda shorts are not suitable) and a towel in a waterproof bag.

### Art and Design

During this half term Year Five will be learning about how we view our world, particularly our urban cityscapes. We will look at the work of Jeremy Mann, whose dark and gritty style of painting will be used to learn about how emotion and feeling is revealed through technique and key elements of art.

### History (Thursday morning)

This half term we are lucky to have the instructors from the Peak Adventure school working with us, to provide children with a unit of Outdoor Education that allows us to explore our history topic of the Anglo-Saxons and the lives of people in Britain in the period 700AD—1000AD.

**For this series of lessons, we will be primarily outdoors. Children will need to arrive to school on Thursday mornings in old clothes that you don't mind getting dirty (jeans, teeshirt, hoodie, jumper, etc) as well as wellies, a warm outdoor waterproof coat, a hat and gloves. Normal school uniform and school shoes should be brought to school in a bag, ready to get changed at lunchtime for normal afternoon lessons**