

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 per day for maximum progress.

We welcome any donations of reading books that you no longer require at home.

Homework and Spellings

Each week your child should complete the following homework which is due by Wednesday morning.

Weekly homework project - 20-30 minutes on average
Times Table RockStars - a minimum of 10 minutes practice
ReadingWise - a minimum of 10 minutes practice
Reading - at least 3 times a week for a minimum of 10 minutes each
Spellings - practice until confident

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

Yours sincerely
Mr Wiggs



Invaders and Settlers



Year Five
Summer Term 2021

Values and Virtues

This term our values and virtues are grateful and generous. We pay attention to the world around us and the needs of our neighbours, looking to help and provide support where we can. We learn to be grateful for our own gifts which God has given us, and to be thankful when others choose to share their gifts with us. We understand how wonderful it is to help others, being generous with our time, our words, and our actions in service of those who need it. Through this, we are making the effort to be more focused on the needs of others, rather than becoming centred on the needs of ourselves.

“Do not neglect to do good, and to share what you have.” (Hebrews 13:16)

Religious Education

In RE this half term, children will be gaining a deeper awareness of how we celebrate the Easter, and explore the symbolism and traditions used to celebrate the Resurrection of Christ. We will also investigate Pentecost and learn about the coming of the Holy Spirit to the apostles, and the affirmation prayer The Apostles Creed.

English

Our focus this half term is to read and appreciate texts that have a basis in history, including a modern adaptation of Beowulf, one of the earliest known epic poems, written around 1000 AD. We will use this book to inspire us to write non-chronological reports, narrative tales, and to visualise our literacy work through roleplay and drama.

We are also continuing to improve our writing in general, looking at word prefixes (de-, dis-, mis-, re-, over-) as well securing our knowledge about word classes in our grammar lessons.

Maths

This half term we will learn how to multiply using long multiplication, and consolidate our learning on mental arithmetic strategies, including place value addition and subtraction. We will also expand our learning about data handling, using graphs and charts to visualise numbers, and how we can use this form of mathematics to read and understand information quickly and easily.

Science

This half term we will be looking at reproduction in plants and animals, including humans. These lessons will take place alongside the Relationship, Health and Sex Education lessons (RHSE), and can provoke many curious questions from young minds.

I would ask that parents continue to be open to having frank and factual conversations with their maturing and growing children, ensuring they are not embarrassed or shy to speak about natural processes in the world around them.

If you have any questions or concerns about your child's learning or understanding, please contact me to discuss how to approach this topic.

P.E. (Monday and Wednesday)

This half-term, Year 5 will be beginning their swimming lessons, which we hope to continue until the end of the school year. This will take place on **Wednesday** afternoons. Children will be required to bring a swimming costume, towel and swim-cap to school and transport is provided. Children will return back to school at 3:15pm, however due to traffic this can occasionally be delayed, which may cause home-time to be a few minutes later than normal.

We will also be learning about team games that utilise a range of physical skills, through the sport of tag rugby. This will take place on **Mondays**. Children should ensure they have full PE kit on this day, including appropriate footwear, as I hope to use the playing field later in the term.

Art and Design

During this half term we will be improving our skills with sketching and colouring, being inspired by mythical beasts from historical fiction. We will apply previously learnt skills to the use of clay and paint as media for our final project.

If you have any old over-sized shirts that you would like to donate, that could be suitable for protective aprons, please ask your child to bring them in to school.

History

To complement our topic this half term, the children will be learning about Britain in the period between 400AD and 1600AD, when early Britain was invaded and settled by the Anglo-Saxon tribes. We will discover how these newcomers helped create and shape the land we know today as England, including our language, our laws, our cities, and our religion.