

THE ARCHDIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM



ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Part of St Gabriel the Archangel Multi Academy Trust

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to our final term in Year 5! I hope you all had a lovely Easter break and have come back refreshed and looking forward to the better weather and brighter days! There are some wonderful things to look forward to this Summer Term. It has been wonderful to see your children grow and mature this half term and has been lovely to teach them once again. I hope they continue to work hard and make some great achievements this year.

As with the start of every new term, please can you ensure that your children have a full PE kit in school. Children also need to make sure that they always have their reading books with them, and to remember to hand in their homework by Wednesday each week. Guitars will continue to be needed every Tuesday.

As always, if there are any queries about anything, please do not hesitate to come and see me.

Miss Lyttle 😊

What are we learning about?

This Term our topics are:

R.E.: Easter, Pentecost, The work of the apostles

English: The lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe plus grammar, handwriting and spellings

Maths: Decimals, Percentages, Geometry, Measurement (length, time, volume)

Science: Changes and reproduction

Computing: Iprogram 2, IWeb

PE: Rounders, Athletics, Health related exercises

DT: Moving toys

Geography: The Grand Canyon

History: Who were the Ancient Greeks

Special days / Dates:

Friday 24th April- St Chad's school trip

Wednesday 29th and Thursday 30th April- RE parent workshops

Tuesday 5th May- Year 5 Mass

Friday 12th June- Sacred Heart of Jesus Assembly

Tuesday 23rd June- Year 5 Mass

Friday 3rd July- Summer get together

Wednesday 8th July- Year 5 sports day

Friday 10th July- Summer performances

Friday 17th July- Last day of term

The class charity we have chosen to support

Save the children UK

Children as leaders:

In Year 5 class the children have the opportunity to be: Creation Guardians, on the School Council, a Mini Vinnie, part of the School Mission team, Digital leaders and prayer leaders. Plus lots of children will have individual responsibilities in and around the classroom and school.

St Joseph's Way – See our website for more details

At St. Joseph's we develop children's character through the 'St. Joseph's Way' curriculum. In order to build character, we define the behaviours and habits that we expect students to demonstrate. We want to support our pupils to

Values for Summer Term:

Grateful and Generous – before half term

Grateful: Taking the time to appreciate the blessing from God and being thankful to Him.

Generous: Sharing our special talents and gifts with others.

Attentive and Discerning- after half term

Attentive: Being attentive to the type of person Jesus is calling us to be.

Discerning: Thinking carefully about the choices and decisions we make.

Catholic Social Teaching & British Values

Throughout the curriculum and beyond children learn about the 7 principles of Catholic Social Teaching - Working in Solidarity, Care for Creation, Community & Participation, Dignity of Workers, Help for the Poor & Vulnerable, Human Dignity & Solidarity and how they link to British Values – Democracy, Rule of Law, Individual Liberty, Respect & Tolerance.

grow into adults who are polite, respectful, grateful and who put others before themselves. We believe that, as pupils practise these behaviours over time, they become habits that positively shape how they feel about themselves and how other people perceive them. As philosopher Will Durant states, “We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act, but a habit.” (1926)