



Welcome to Year 5! Please take a look at our curriculum newsletter to see what we will be learning about this Autumn term, and more importantly how you can support your child.

Reading

In reading, we are looking at the book 'Good Night Stories for Rebel Girls'. This book includes tales of extraordinary women and their accomplishments throughout history – the children have already enjoyed the stories of Sylvia Earle and Jane Goodall. After half term, we will look at the story of Hansel and Gretel.

We are concentrating heavily on inference questions in class currently as it is not always easy for Year 5 to 'read between the lines'. Please ensure that children read to you regularly at home and are questioned throughout to deepen understanding.

R.E

At St Maxentius, we have adopted a new R.E. scheme across school. Whilst it is extremely important to explore our own faith and teachings, we also acknowledge that it is also vital to explore other faiths. Our new scheme allows us the flexibility to do just this.

During Autumn, we will look at the following questions...

What does it mean if Christians believe that God is holy and loving?

What does it mean to be a Muslim in Britain today?

English

During the Autumn term, Year 5 will be looking at several different texts, enabling them to experience a wide variety of contexts.

Our first text is 'The Wolves in the Walls' – which the children so far, have managed to have a little bit of fun with. Some of our imaginations have been running wild! Ask your children which animal they chose to come out of their walls and what they got up to. From wearing dirty underpants, to washing in the toilet... YUCK!

We will also be writing a biography about the wonderful David Attenborough. We will continue with a book named 'Clockwork', which we will write a description and narrative based upon the series of events within this book. Finally, we will finish off the term with winter poems.

Learning in other subjects

History – During history, we have started learning about the Vikings, Saxons and Scots. We are looking at which invasions took place and how they impacted the areas and those living within them.

Computing – Year 5 will be looking at digital citizenship and digital literacy during computing.

Science – We are exploring Earth and Space during the first half term. We will be looking at the movements of the planets and discovering how they revolve around the sun. For the second half term, we will begin looking at forces.

PSHE – During PSHE, children will be looking at positive and negative online relationships and how to stay safe. They will also begin to look at physical health and fitness.

Maths

We have started the year looking at place value. This is something in Year 5 which sometimes can be a struggle as we look at numbers up to 1,000,000. We are looking at the value of digits within these numbers. We are also working on recognising how to read and write such large numbers accurately.

We will also be looking at addition and subtraction, ensuring that our methods are accurate and precise.

Next, we will look at multiplication and division where we will be introducing new concepts which children may find difficult – particularly long multiplication. Year 5 are superstars, and I am sure we will muddle through together!

We will also look at statistics during this term.

Multiplications are hugely important and will aid the children through their lessons. Please encourage children to practice these at home regularly.