

YEAR FIVE

Autumn 2025



Welcome to year 5! We hope that you have had a wonderful summer break and are ready for a term full of learning and fun at St. Joseph's!

Good to know...

Teachers

Mrs Cox is the year 5 class teacher, supported by Mrs Dawson. Mrs Hamilton and Mrs Cliffe will teach year 5 on a Tuesday and Thursday afternoon.

PE Kit

For the first half-term, our PE lessons will be on Tuesdays. We will have cricket on a Tuesday afternoon, as well as swimming on a Tuesday morning. You will receive further information with regards to swimming shortly.

When do we need Fluency Books, Reading Logs and Home Spelling Books?

Fluency books - everyday. The children mark their previous day's fluency homework and write their four new questions.

Reading logs - everyday. Children should write their comments, and hand their logs in on a Monday and Thursday to be signed.

Home spelling books - Fridays. Children will both have their dictation and receive their new spellings on this day.

Snacks and Water Bottles

Children may bring a healthy snack for break time and a clearly named water bottle every day.

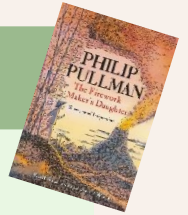


English

Our focus texts for the term are:

- Tuesday by David Wiesner
- The Firework Maker's Daughter by Phillip Pullman.

We will also be learning the features of explanation texts and writing our own based on some 'cracking contraptions!'



Maths

We will be working on our understanding of numbers up to and including 1,000,000, as well as rounding and Roman numerals.

We will then focus on the four operations (+ - x ÷) and start to explore fractions in more depth.

Same Denominators

$$\frac{3}{5} - \frac{1}{5}$$
$$\frac{3-1}{5} = \frac{2}{5}$$

Different Denominators

$$7 \times \frac{1}{7} - \frac{3 \times 2}{7 \times 2}$$
$$\frac{7-6}{14} = \frac{1}{14}$$

RE

Year 3 will begin the year by thinking about the Creation story and celebrating God's gift of the world. Next, we will focus on the Sacrament of the Sick, followed by the Sacrament of Baptism, and the links we can make between these special sacraments. As we near the end of the term, we will be preparing for The Coming of The Lord during Advent.



Other Subjects

History

We will be learning all about the Ancient Greeks.



Geography

Our work will focus on climates and biomes of the world.



PE

We will be learning to play cricket and we will be swimming.



Computing

We will be learning about quizzing and using databases.



Science

Year 3 will focus on the very exciting topic of Earth and Space!



Art

We will be learning how to use Typography for effect.



Design and Technology

We will be learning about Christmas foods from around the world, leading to baking bread.



Music

We will be exploring the BBC Ten Pieces and rehearsing and performing in the Christmas Carol Concert.



French

Year 5 will learn about different parts of the body as well as going shopping in France!



PSHE

We will be celebrating what makes us all unique.



How can I support my child at home?

Homework

Reading - please encourage your child to read their book at home for at least 15 minutes every day and to write a comment in their reading log.

Fluency - the children will have 4 maths fluency questions to complete per day. They will write these into their fluency book to practise their number formation and will need to complete them at home before the start of the next school day. These should take around 5 minutes to complete.

Spelling - practise the weekly spelling words with your child in a range of different ways.

RE Homework Projects - Once per half-term, there will be a creative RE homework project to complete with your child.

Times Table Rockstars

Play Times Table Rockstars at least four times a week to maintain their recall of times table facts. Your child's login is in their reading log.



Catholic Life

Encourage your child to spend time in prayer and reflection at home. Attend Sunday Mass with them whenever possible.



Educational Visits

- Visit to The Catalyst Museum (date TBC imminently).
- Monday 22nd September: Safe+Sound event at Sandyford Fire Station.
- 17th - 19th November: Alton Castle Retreat (information already received).