

# YEAR FIVE

## Spring 2025



We hope that you have had a wonderful Christmas break and are ready for another term full of learning and fun at St. Joseph's!

### Good to know...

#### A Uniform Reminder...

Please ensure your child attends school in their full school uniform each day. This includes a tie and sensible school shoes, not trainers.

#### PE Kit

Year 5 will continue with their swimming lessons until February half term. Their other PE lesson will be dance, on a Friday afternoon. Please ensure your child has their full school PE kit for each lesson.

#### 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** - 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 should have a clearly named water bottle in school every day.



### English

Our focus texts for the term are:

- Kensuke's Kingdom by Michael Morpurgo.
- Street Child by Berlie Doherty

We will also be looking at nonsense poetry, with our key focus poem being The Jabberwocky by Lewis Carroll.



### Maths

In maths, we begin by multiplying numbers by 2 digits as well as short division. We continue to build on last term's work on fractions, as well as converting to decimals and percentages.

Finally, we learn about area and perimeter.



### RE



Year 5 will begin the term in the season of Christmas, looking in more depth at what happened after Jesus was born.

We then learn about the Parables and Sayings of Jesus, and how He taught His disciples and how we can continue to learn from the words of Jesus today.

## Other Subjects

### History

We will be learning about local history, particularly mining.



### Geography

Our work will focus on countries and capitals of North and South America.



### PE

We will be learning to play cricket and we will be doing dance.



### Computing

We will be learning about spreadsheets, coding and word processing.



### Science

Year 5 will be focusing on Properties and Changes of Materials.



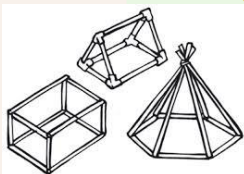
### Art

We will be learning how to use monotype!



### Design and Technology

We will be evaluating existing 3D frame structures and making our own.



### Music

Children will develop keyboard skills and rehearse for and perform in Born For This.



### French

Year 5 will learn about the French speaking world as well as French verbs.



### PSHE

We will be looking at our third Jigsaw piece - Dreams and Goals!



## 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 Siri Guru Gobind Singh Ji Gurdwara as part of our Catholic Curriculum (28.01.2026)
- Day visit to Stanley Head for outdoor adventures (05.05.2026 - more info to follow soon)