

YEAR FIVE

Autumn 2026



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...

Mrs Cox is the year 5 class teacher, supported by Mrs Dawson and Mrs Hiller.

Miss McGough will teach Y5 on a Thursday, as well as some afternoons, along with Mrs Cliffe for music.

For the first half-term, our PE lessons will be on a Thursday afternoon, and swimming will continue on a Tuesday morning. You will receive further information with regards to when swimming starts, 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 - children should write their comments, and hand their logs in on a Monday and Thursday to be checked.

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.

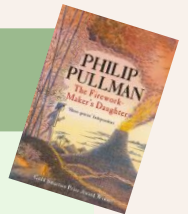


English

Our focus texts for the term are:

- The Promise by Nicola Davies.
- 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

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

RE

Year 5 will begin the year by learning about Creation and Covenant, focusing on Moses and the Ten Commandments. After half term, we will learn about Prophecy and Promise, learning a lot about the role of King David in the Old Testament. This will then take us in to the season of 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, using databases and creating games.



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

Children will compose a class Rondo and rehearse for and perform in the Christmas productions.



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?

Home Learning

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.

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 (information to be sent out shortly).
- 18th-20th November: Alton Castle Retreat (information to be sent out shortly).