

Year 5 Spring 2 Newsletter

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I can't believe we are over half way through the academic year. The children have made such amazing progress so far and I cannot wait to see what they achieve by the end of the year.

Social media and the use of phones/ electronic devices is an ongoing issue amongst young children. Please make sure your children's devices are monitored regularly so that issues are not brought into school.



We are currently in the period of Lent and in R.E we have started 'Memorial Sacrifice' where the children will explore the Eucharist. Following this, the children will be moving onto 'Sacrifice' which is all about giving.

The children have excelled at fractions, decimals and percentages! We are currently in the middle of exploring area and perimeter and will be moving onto statistics after we have completed this topic.

As we near towards the end of Year 5, it is crucial the children are revisiting their previous knowledge in preparation for Year 6. There is always tasks set on MyMaths to aid with this. Some other good sites include Hit the Button and Times Table Rockstars.



Geography

We will be continuing to look at renewable energy sources in geography. We are aiming to get out on a visit to look at land around us and how it can be used better within our community.

The children have really enjoyed this topic - ask them about what they have learnt so far.

In Science, we will be continuing to learn about sound and hearing through planning enquiries, taking measurements and interpreting results.

P.E is on **Thursday** and **Friday** afternoon. Please make sure that P.E kits are worn on to come into school on this



Writing

We will be moving onto explanation texting in English where the children will build on their previous grammar knowledge as well as exploring non-fiction texts.

Spelling

Spellings can be found on the school website. The children will receive spelling homework weekly for them to practise at home, this must be returned to me before Friday each week. Spelling tests are every **Friday** afternoon.



Reading

We love reading in Year 5. We are going to read extracts from War Horse by Michael Morpurgo - ask your child what they think about this book.

The children have been working very hard in guided reading. They have really enjoyed our current book 'The Boy at the Back of the Class' - we are working on our independence when answering questions as well as using skim and scan techniques.

1:1 reading will take place daily - please ensure the children are coming to school with their stage book each day.

In DT we will be making our own models of fairground rides!

The children have enjoyed learning about the mechanisms behind the machines and have designed their own fantastic rides.

