



St. Cuthbert's Catholic Primary School **Year 5 Autumn Newsletter**

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the first newsletter of the year and a very special welcome back to all the children. We have had a lovely start to the year and I am really excited to be working alongside the Year 5 families this year. If you have any queries or concerns, please don't hesitate to make an appointment to see me or drop me an email at: Year5@stcuthbertsk.org

English

English work will be linked to our class novels, Jungle Book and Favela Street Kid. We will also be exploring non-fiction texts linked to our Geography and Science topics. Children will also be developing knowledge and skills in grammar, spelling and punctuation (GPS), which will continue to be taught discretely each day. We are especially trying to focus on broadening the vocabulary of the children, and working hard to apply lots of the tricky curriculum vocabulary into our written work.



Spellings

We follow a spelling programme linked to the 'Spelling Shed'. Your child will be given new spellings to learn for a test at the end of each week. Your child will bring a copy of these spellings home in their spelling book and they are available for them to practise on the Spelling Shed. We will be developing the children's understanding and application of the words they bring home; please ensure that this is encouraged and discussed to further their 'home schooling' opportunities.

Maths

The children will work on activities to develop their mathematical knowledge and understanding in 5 key areas:



- ❖ Numbers and the Number System
- ❖ Calculations
- ❖ Reasoning
- ❖ Geometry
- ❖ Statistics

Religious Education

The topics for this term are:

- Domestic Church: Ourselves
- Baptism and Confirmation: Life Choices
- Other Religions: Judaism
- Advent/Christmas: Hope



Science

This term Year 5 will be studying topics on 'Earth, Sun and Moon' and 'Gravity, Resistance and Mechanical Forces'.



Foundation Curriculum

This term, Year 5 will learn all about Climate and Energy, in our Geography topics. They will also begin learning musicianship, listening and appraisal through their Ukulele sessions and further their knowledge of computer network and Creative Media in Computing.

Music

This year, the children will be learning to play the ukulele. Music lessons will take place next half term.

Physical Education

PE will be on a **Friday** this term and will include basketball, dodgeball and TAG rugby. Please ensure that children come to school in their complete kit. Each item must be clearly labelled with your child's name. Some PE sessions may take place outside so please consider the weather when deciding to wear shorts/joggers and jumpers. Please ensure that your child has **plain, unbranded** black or navy tracksuit bottoms, a plain white t-shirt/polo shirt and trainers to wear for outside sessions along with their school jumper. No jewellery should be worn. If earrings need to stay in, families must provide their child with plasters.

Homework

St Cuthbert's is continuing the current homework policy and asks families to focus on spellings, times tables and reading each week. These are really important skills and we ask that families support the children as much as possible. Children who have been unable to complete their homework will be given the opportunity to complete it at a break time in school.

- ❖ **Spellings** will be set and tested on a **Tuesday** in line with the units from our The Spelling Shed scheme. Children will take home spellings in their spelling book and will complete tests each week in the back of this book. It is essential these are with children **in school each day**.
- ❖ **Times tables** will be tested each week on a **Thursday** (tests will cover all times tables up to 12 x 12 and the related division facts).
- ❖ Reading books – the children are encouraged to record their own reading responses in their reading record and write comments about what they have read. Please listen to your child read and also complete the comment book weekly, where you are able. It is important to your child's learning that they are heard reading by an adult every day for a few minutes. This does not always need to be your child's reading book – personal books can be included too!
- ❖ **Reading Eggspress** – We are introducing Reading Eggspress in KS2, replacing Reading Plus. This follows on from Reading Eggs in KS1 and the children are very excited about using this again. More information to follow.

If you have any queries, you can email me at: Year5@stcuthbertsk.org or make an appointment with the school office.

Many thanks for your continued support and best wishes,

Mrs Sneezham and Miss Thompson

Year 5 Staff