

Year 5 Curricular Letter

Autumn 1

Dear Parents,

Welcome back everybody and welcome to Year 5! What an incredible start to the new academic year we have had. It's great to have everybody back in and the atmosphere around school is electric. We do hope you managed to have a brilliant break over the summer and managed to recharge your batteries. We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you and your child to Year 5! The classes have made a fantastic start to the year and have settled into our classroom routines brilliantly. We have really enjoyed getting to know the children so far and together we know we can make this year an exciting and successful one. We are really looking forward to the year we have ahead of us and we can't wait to begin exploring the topics we have lined up for the year with the class.

Our teaching assistants, Mrs Hurst and Mrs Turner will work alongside us in the classroom on a daily basis supporting your child's learning. The children we will be working very closely across the classes throughout the year, coming together in the afternoon, at times, for some subjects. Mrs Turner and Mrs Fothergill will teach Year 5 on a Thursday afternoon and will deliver RE, Music and French.

This curriculum letter will inform you of what we will be covering in class during the first half of the Autumn Term. Our topic this half term is 'What was so revolutionary about the Industrial Revolution' and much of our work throughout the different subjects will relate to this.

If you have any queries, concerns, or simply a question, please don't hesitate to call or email us or any member of the senior leadership team. We will be more than happy to help! You can send an email to k.blackledge@st-georges.lancs.sch.uk or t.norris@st-georges.lancs.sch.uk.

Please find below information about the various aspects of Year 5.

The Half Term Ahead

RE - Do you need a Bible to be a Christian?

PE - Does teamwork really matter when it is one person who scores a goal?

History - What was so revolutionary about the Industrial Revolution?

Computing - Can I publish my work on the radio?

Science - How can we see forces if they are invisible?

Geography - What was so revolutionary about the Industrial Revolution?

Art and Design - Why is Lowry's work important to the people of Salford?

Music - How does music bring us together?

French - Ca Va? How are you?

PSHE - How do friendships change as we grow?

Days to Remember

Monday

Spelling test and Times table test.
New Spellings handed out.

Friday

PE - children to continue coming to school in PE kit. Gum shields and shin pads needed!

Please note that from **Friday 15th September**, the children will need to bring a gum shield and shin pads to school in order to participate fully with our PE lessons which focus on Hockey. These can be sourced on Amazon and in sports shops. If this causes any difficulties, please get in touch by email.

Literacy

During our first topic, we will read, enjoy and analyse the novel 'The Invention of Hugo Cabret' by Brian Selznick. This is a great novel for the children to really get excited about and we are looking forward to hearing the children's ideas for their own inventions later in the unit! Following this, we will write Non Chronological Reports based on the Industrial Revolution. You can help at home by discussing our class texts with your child and also regularly read with your child at home.

Reading

Every child has been given a school reading book, which continues the whole school system for colour bands. Your child has the responsibility to change their own book when finished or when they are ready for a change.

Please encourage your children to write the books they have read into their reading record, so that they can be proud of their reading achievements and even achieve one of the reading challenge certificates! Children should continue to read aloud to an adult as much as possible. Please could you continue to sign and comment in the reading journal - it really helps! Please make sure your child has their reading journal in school every day.

Maths

We continue to use the Maths No Problem scheme in school with great success. The areas covered this half term all relate to number work - numbers to 1,000,000, and addition and subtraction of whole numbers. Children will continue to practice their multiplication tables in class. Your support of this at home too, is much appreciated. You could practise reading numbers from 1000 upwards and you could support your child in practising addition and subtraction using practical resources and written methods.

Recommended Books around our Topic - The Industrial Revolution

- Small Change for Stuart, by Lissa Evans.
- Mortimer Keene: Attack of the Slime by Tim Healey.
- Fantastic Frankie and the Brain Drain Machine by Anna Kemp.
- The Incredible Adventures of Professor Branestawm by Norman Hunter.
- The Flying Horse Part 1 - Storynory - Inventor of Horse Robot from the Storynory website

Spellings

Spellings will be sent home on a Monday to practise for a test on the following Monday. The words will be the basis of our spelling sessions throughout the week when spelling rules and patterns will be discussed and learnt.

We hope your child has settled in well to Year 5. Many thanks for your continued support!

Many thanks,

Miss Blackledge
Class 9 Teacher

Mr Tom Norris
Class 10 Teacher

Mrs Nicola Gregson
Head of School