

## General Information

### Homework

Homework will be set on Friday and must be completed by the following Wednesday. Please continue to encourage your child to read for pleasure and to share their books with an adult. The children are aiming for their next Bookworm award. They must read their class reading book every day and at least three times a week to an adult.

Spellings need to be learnt for the test each Wednesday. Each class is hoping to win the Spelling Bee by having the best result in the school. Please encourage your child to practise them daily and test them at home to ensure that they have learnt them all.

Many children have been given their own targets for times tables which are on the Times Table Rockstars. Please encourage your child to practise these. May we politely remind parents that homework needs to be signed by an adult each week at the front of the book, but only when you have checked that your child has completed it to the best of their ability.

### PE kit

The children will have PE twice a week (usually on a Tuesday and either Thursday/Friday). Their PE kit should be labelled and in school at all times. As the weather has gotten colder children should bring in their school tracksuit to wear for PE outside.

### Learning together

To support your child's topic we are providing you with some fun ideas for trips and others ways to head start their learning linked to our topic.

1. Visit your local park and High Street. What has been done to improve the environment? How has it made it a better place?
2. Use the internet to find out why our environment is being damaged. Play games about recycling at [www.recyclezone.org.uk](http://www.recyclezone.org.uk) and discover why recycling is so important.

Year five dates for your diary:

Return to school for children	07.01.20
Start of term Mass	14.01.20
Writing workshop	22.01.20
O2 Choir	24.01.20
Assembly date to be advised	
Testing week	03.02.20
Trivia Quiz sent home	14.02.20
Half yearly report sent out	14.02.20
End of half term (3.30pm)	14.02.20



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# Lent 1 2020

Year 5 Curriculum  
and  
key information  
for the first half term

# Lent 1

## Subjects

### RE

During our topic 'Mission' we will explore the importance of the Church and how it is made up of smaller Catholic families called 'diocese'. We will look at how the diocese continue the work and mission of Jesus within the community.

### Literacy

#### Reading

Children will participate in whole class reading using a variety of text, including 'The Arrival' and 'The Boy at the Back of the Class'. We will also use a range of information texts linked to our Creative Curriculum topic, Improving the Environment. Children are still required to read every night at home as it is such an important skill.

#### Speaking, listening and writing

Children will have the opportunity to participate in a number of speaking, listening and writing activities centred around the news. Children will be creating news broadcasts as well as writing their own newspaper articles and information texts. Please encourage your child to read the local paper to help their writing.

### Maths

Alongside general number and place value work, we will also be looking at problem solving, reasoning and algebra, geometry including properties of shapes, measurement and statistics. Children must continue to practise their times tables up to 12 daily.

### Science

Our topic for this half term is about plants, animals and humans. We will be exploring the differences in the life cycles of mammals, amphibians, insects and birds. We will also learn about reproduction in some plants and animals.

### Computing

We will be focussing on the use of code and developing an understanding of how encryption works on the web. The children will have the opportunity to encrypt and decrypt messages, as well as exploring the use of semaphore and Morse code.

### Music

The children will continue to perform vocally and instrumentally with control and expression, both as solo and in ensembles. They will listen to the detail of musical pieces and recall aurally. They will also begin to compose melodies for the opera.

### PE

Children will continue to develop their coordination and ball skills within their P.E lessons.

### French

In French the children will be applying their vocabulary to short conversations as well as continuing to explore new grammatical features of the language.

## Creative Curriculum

This half term our Creative Curriculum topic is Improving the Environment. Our topic links to the Rights Respecting Agenda Article 24: 'Children have the right to a clean environment so that they will stay healthy.'

Geography activities will include a variety of mapping skills, keeping a recycling diary and investigating ways of reusing derelict areas of land. The children will become aware of the affect humanity has on its surrounding environment. We will also investigate different biomes across the world.

In History we will focus on the environmental changes that have taken place in our local area over time.

In our Art lessons, we will be studying and emulating the work of Lowry, best known for his depiction of matchstick people in industrial landscapes.

In Design and Technology we will be designing menus using leftover food, considering the importance of recycling food and reducing food waste.

The children will begin to create the storyline for the opera through a series of workshops and activities. In their Music lessons they will work to compose the melodies to match the lyrics they have written so far.

We would encourage you to support your child in extending their learning about this topic at home. Any additional work that they have carried out will be greatly welcomed and included in their CC booklets.



*Clean Planet: Stopping Litter and Pollution* by Tristan Binns