



November 2020.

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Please find below an overview of learning in this half term, leading up to Christmas.

Year 5	
Core text(s) for English	Journey to the River Sea by Eva Ibbotson
Focus areas for English/outcomes	Plan/draft and edit a Narrative told in first person and create their own graphic novels.
Grammar focus	Pronouns for first person. Figurative language. Using a full range of punctuation.
Maths focus areas	Fractions , comparing and ordering. Identifying, naming and writing equivalent fractions. Perimeter and Area , measuring, calculating and estimating. Using all four operations to solve problems involving measure. Statistics , complete, read and interpret information from tables and graphs.
RE focus	Life choices - big question - Is commitment important? Hope - big -question - What does it mean to live in hope?
'Faith In Action'	We will be raising money for Missions together, Missio, by collecting spare change in a small red box which will be sent home soon. We continue to focus on charity at the heart of our faith throughout the year.
Foundation subject topics - geography, science, computing, MFL, Music, RE and PSHE	Art - Theme - Rainforests, stimulus - Oenone Hammersley. PHSE - The UNCRC and Rights Respecting Schools, Relationships and Living in the Wider World. Geography - The Continent of South America, exploring the physical features and if human activity has affected the key physical characteristics of South America? Science - Animals including Humans and Changes as we Age. Computing - Online Safety - Including understanding how the Internet works, bias and validity of information. DT - Cooking and Nutrition Healthy Food and Living. Music - Folk music - to explore a range of folk songs and write lyrics to our folk songs linked to current issues.
PE days (and kit expectations)	Your child's PE day will be on a Tuesday and Wednesday. Your child should wear their PE kit to school, with their school jumper on top. The PE kit should



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	<p>consist of a white t-shirt, navy or black bottoms and plimsoles/trainers. The school has to teach the National Curriculum and PE is a vital element of this. Participating regularly in physical activity is important to develop habits for a healthy adult life.</p>
<p>Ways to help at home</p>	<p>Please listen to your child read regularly and discuss the text they are reading. As their books become more complex it is even more important they have the chance to discuss them with an adult. Please sign the reading record book and make a comment. Please encourage your child to learn their 'spelling words,' a few minutes practice each day can make a big difference. By Summer Year 5 your child is expected to have mastered their times tables but they need regular practice to retain the information. Your child will have their own account and password for 'Times Tables Rockstars'. It is important that they are able to recall number facts at speed to aid them with their daily maths work. If they are not yet confident this is a vital area to work on with them.</p> <p>Encourage your child to write at home, stories and letters or maybe they could keep a diary. Continue to borrow books of interest from the school and public library to find out all they can on this term's topics. You could also play a range of maths based games, such as Yahtzee or any games that involve using a dice. Discuss the rules and strategies that you use, explaining to your child what you are doing and why.</p> <p>Your child will also have their own 'Mathletics' username and password. This is a maths website that they have access to play at school and at home. The website is available at http://www.mathletics.co.uk/ and numeracy games can be played from any computer with internet access. It is linked to the national curriculum objectives for your child's year and revises key knowledge and skills. It is not just games! Your child will be able to practise core skills in a fun and exciting way that matches their ability. For more information please feel free to ask any questions or visit the Mathletics home page which will give a clearer idea of the activities available.</p>
<p>Additional information</p>	<p>Year 5: year5@stjosephs.greenwich.sch.uk School Support: support@stjosephs.greenwich.sch.uk</p>
<p>Year 5 Team</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: flex-end;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  Ms Harvey </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  Mrs England </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  Mrs McMahon </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  Miss Ashley-Yates </div> </div>	

Yours faithfully,

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