



St. Wilfrid's Church of England Primary Academy



Year 5 Autumn Term Newsletter

Welcome to Year 5.

We hope to make it an enjoyable and exciting time for learning and developing personal social skills. Our curriculum is full and varied and intend to keep you fully informed of how it is delivered and which topics are being studied.

Our Curriculum:

Mathematics:

The focus in maths will be place value, mental strategies and methods for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. Children in Y5 should already know the times tables up to 12 x12. This will be revised this term.

English:

This term in English we will be looking at recounts and myths and legends linking to the topic of Ancient Greece. We will also be focusing on spelling, handwriting, grammar and punctuation.

Science:

Earth and Space: How does the earth travel through day and night? Children will learn about the position of the planets in our solar system. They will learn why we have different seasons and day and night. They will also look at shadows and the phases of the moon.

Computing:

Year 5 will have their computing lesson on a Wednesday afternoon. During the first unit of work, children will develop their understanding of Photoshop and will create a greetings card using abstract design.

RE:

This term we will study The Bible and its different versions along with the Christmas Story. We will make links between Bible passages and Christian behaviour which will focus on our Christian Values.

History:

This term's topic is looking at the Ancient Greeks. During this topic we will explore civilisation in this period of history. The children will also complete a Design Technology project linked to this topic looking at clay pots.

Music:

In Year 5 the children will learn about the rhythms of Samba, playing Samba drums and performing as a Samba band. If children have sensitive ears to loud music then they may like to bring in ear plugs, cotton wool or ear defenders, please speak to Mrs Goulding if you have any questions about this.

Our Learning Challenges:

The Ancient Greeks:

What was life like in Ancient Greece?

Science:

How does the Earth travel through day and night?

Design Technology:

Can we recreate a historical artefact?

Recommended Websites

www.saintwilfrids.wigan.sch.uk/

Twitter Accounts to follow

@St_Wilfrids_CE @StWilfridsMusic @StWilfridsSport
@MissBanksClass @MrsMarwoodClass @MissClaytonClass

Home Learning:

Reading: In order to be competent readers, children need to read regularly at home and school. Parents are asked to encourage their children to read regularly and to read for pleasure. We ask parents to sign and date reading diaries every time you hear your child read and ensure books are in school daily. Reading diaries will be checked in school and we expect a minimum of three entries/comments a week. This is an ideal opportunity to question your child on their understanding of the text, to improve their comprehension skills and vocabulary. These books are intended as 'home' readers, as the children read a separate text in their English lessons.

Spellings: A spelling list will be given to children every Monday. Children will be expected to learn these spellings throughout the week at home. They will have a spelling test on the following Monday.

English Homework: A piece of English homework will be given out every Monday and should be returned to school by the following Monday. This may be handed in before then.

Maths Homework: A Maths homework booklet will be given out at the beginning of each half term and should be brought in to school every Friday to be checked.

Topic Homework: Children may also be given other types of homework during the course of the year.

A message from the PTFA...

The PTFA would like to thank you for your continuous support and commitment. Last year was another successful year for the PTFA, with a wide range of events raising money to purchase new resources and support school themed events and Dance Festival, which all impact on the children's education. We would welcome any suggestions for future fundraising events.
PTFA AGM 18.9.17 6.30pm Leah Edwards (Chair)



