

Headteacher: Mrs S. Derbyshire

## **Year 5 - Spring Curriculum Newsletter**

I hope you all had a wonderful holiday with your loved ones. Please find below some key information about the Spring term. If you have any queries at all, please do not hesitate to speak with Mrs Scott at the end of the school day, or alternatively email the school office.

### **Homework**

Our expectation at St Pius Catholic Primary School is that every child should do the following every night:

- 15 minutes reading to themselves or an adult (signed in the reading record).
- 15 minutes practising spellings. (Starting this week)
- 15 minutes rehearsing times tables facts on Times Tables Rockstars.

### **Times Tables Rockstars**

Please continue to encourage your children to complete their times table rockstars, it really is a crucial part to their fundamental understanding of mathematics. We cannot wait to see how many children achieve the coveted Rock Hero status by the end of the year!

### **Spellings**

Spellings will be given out on Friday. The children should practise their words every evening. Spelling books must be brought in on the following Friday, which is also when the weekly test happens.

### **PE Lessons**

Year 5 P.E day is a **Tuesday**. Please ensure children come into school in their P.E kits to fully maximise P.E lesson time.

### **Reading Books**

As reading is such a priority, we will try to make sure children's books are regularly changed and every child will have an opportunity to read daily in class. Please remind the children to let any adults know if they need to change their book and that it is their responsibility to bring any old reading books back to school.

## Key Diary Dates

<b>Spring 1</b>		<b>Spring 2</b>	
<b>Year 5 class mass</b>	Tuesday 20th January 9.00am	<b>World Book week</b>	Monday 2nd March 2026
<b>Year 5 School trip</b>	Wednesday 28th January Natural History Museum	<b>Stations of the cross mass</b>	Tuesday 24th March 2026
<b>Class assembly</b>	Thursday 5th February	<b>End of Spring Term</b>	Friday 27th March 2026 (School closes at 1:30pm)
<b>Parents' Evening 1 and 2</b>	Monday 9th and Tuesday 10th February		

## **Curriculum Information**

On the following page, we have included a summary of some of the topics the children will be covering this term, so that you can best support your child with their learning at home.

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs Scott

Year 5 Classroom Teacher

<b>Spring Term</b>		
	<b>1st Half Term</b>	<b>2nd Half Term</b>
<b>English</b>	<p>There's a boy in the girls bathroom</p> <p>By Louis Sacher</p> <p>Debates</p> <p>Diary Entries</p> <p>Letters</p>	<p>The Explorer by Katherine Rundell</p> <p>Newspaper reports</p> <p>Narratives</p>
<b>Maths</b>	<p>Multiplication and division</p> <p>Fractions</p>	<p>Decimals and percentages</p> <p>Area and perimeter</p> <p>statistics</p>
	<p>It is essential for the children to know all of their time tables so that they can access the mathematics curriculum in year 5. Please encourage your child to practise on <a href="#">TTRockstars</a> every evening to improve their speed and accuracy.</p> <p>Here are some useful websites to support your child with their learning at home:</p> <p><a href="#">Corbett Maths Primary</a></p> <p><a href="#">BBC Bitesize Maths</a></p> <p><a href="#">Oak National Academy</a></p>	
<b>RE</b>	<p>Galilee to Jerusalem</p> <p>The Beatitudes and The Greatest Commandment</p>	<p>Lent- Giving sacrifice</p> <p>Pentecost- Serving transformation</p>

<p><b>International Primary Curriculum</b></p>	<p><b><u>Mission to Mars</u></b></p> <p>In this science topic based unit we will be discussing The geology and the similarities between Earth and Mars. In this unit the children will be experiencing ‘astronaut training’ in preparation for their mission to Mars. It is a fascinating idea that one day we may need to consider another planet as a home.. This topic looks at the idea of adapting to life on another planet.Children will learn how to Build a spacecraft from reliable and effective materials. Grow food on their planet and explore Mars by designing and building their own Mars rover.</p>	<p><b><u>Fascinating Forces</u></b></p> <p>This science topic based unit will be focusing on the everyday physical forces of the world. How Friction, air resistance and magnetic forces control every action and reaction across the world. Through the use of fair scientific experiments our Year 5 class will develop into capable physicists.</p>
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