

February Newsletter for Year 5

Dear Parents,

We hope that everyone is well settled into the new term. We would like to remind everyone about the importance of wearing school uniform each day.

Curriculum Content:

Numeracy - Pupils will be introduced to the language of division. They will divide TU by a single digit - linking to previous multiplication facts. They will also be introduced to remainders and will use the bridge sign to lay out their work. Pupils will work on the topic of time. Pupils will learn to recognise times on analogue and digital clocks. They will calculate durations of time in hours and minutes. They will also be interpreting timetables during problem solving.

Language and Literacy - Pupils will continue to develop their language and literacy skills through a whole class experience and within groups. Written work will be related to the "Willow Pattern" story. Pupils will also get the opportunity to produce a play-script. Pupils will continue to complete written activities relating to their class novel - Danny the Champion of the World by Roald Dahl.

The World Around Us - The theme for this term is Ireland. Pupils will research about the lives of the first settlers. They will discuss and recognise the impact of the Ice Age on Early Man.

Religion - The Alive 0-5 programme will incorporate the story of the life of St. Brigid. Pupils will also be studying about Ash Wednesday and the theme of Lent.

P.D.M.U - Pupils will learn about the negative effects of smoking. They will be made aware of people who keep us safe in the school and in the community.

P.E - This term Year 5 will be travelling to the Meadowbank Arena once per fortnight to participate in the "Fit for Life" programme. Please ensure that your child wears appropriate clothing and brings a water bottle.

The Arts - Pupils will be using a variety of Art materials to reproduce the Willow Pattern plate.

Important dates for February:

Wednesday 3rd and Thursday 4th February - Visit of School Photographer
Monday 15th to Friday 19th February - school closed for all pupils (half term break)
Tuesday 16th February - Shrove/Pancake Tuesday
Wednesday 17th February - Ash Wednesday

Year 5A are currently participating in the Activ8 Eatwell Programme. They will be learning how to develop an active and healthy lifestyle. They will be required to assess their physical activity levels, their breakfast habits and water intake on a daily basis.

Please continue to check the school web site: www.holyfamily-ps.org.uk for regular updates and news of forthcoming school events.
A copy of this newsletter is also available on the web site. It can be found under curriculum – Year 5.

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