

**May Newsletter – Year 5.**  
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Dear Parents,

We hope you enjoyed your Easter break. Congratulations to all Year 5 Pupils who attended and participated in the Holy Thursday Mass.

**Curriculum Content**

**Numeracy – Money:** Use the four operations to solve money problems. Shopping for a birthday party using supermarket leaflets. Working within £5 & £10 and change from these amounts. Discuss the value of money, how to keep money safe, ways in which goods can be paid for and budgeting. Handling of foreign currency from various countries.

**Area:** Counting squares of regular shapes. Introduce the correct language of area - cm<sup>2</sup>. Introduce  $\frac{1}{2}$  cm<sup>2</sup> and calculate the area of irregular shapes. Calculate the area of shapes using the equation of length x breadth.

**Language and Literacy –** Continue work on all aspects of reading in Year 5. Spelling programme ongoing. Changing statements to questions and vice versa. Continue work on suffixes. Recording positive ways to welcome a new pupil to the class. Pupils will continue with class novel “Charlotte’s Web” and associated activities.

**The World Around Us –** Continue with Ancient Egypt project. Working in groups of four. Encourage research on Pyramids, Mummification, Pharaohs and Hieroglyphics (Egyptian Writing). Avail of Library facilities and internet if possible.

**Religion -** The significance of the month of May as the month of Our Lady. We will be making a May altar in class and it would be great if your child could make one at home. We will also be studying The Mass, The Ascension Story and Pentecost.

**P.D.M.U –** Continue with ways of working together in the classroom, ways of working with friends, ways of working with family. Focus on the themes of Bullying and Racism through Circle time.

**P.E –** Outdoor Games and Athletics – preparing for Sports Day.

**The Arts –** Constructing and Decorating Mummy Caskets using a variety of materials and techniques. Egyptian music and dance.

**Important Dates –**

3<sup>rd</sup> May - School closed.

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> May – First Holy Communion at 11 o’clock. All choir children to be in the chapel by 10.45a.m. wearing full school uniform.

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May – Year 5 school trip to W5. Please ensure that all pupils arrive to school promptly at 8.55a.m. Pupils will be going home at the normal school time - 2.55p.m.

31<sup>st</sup> May - School closed.

Thank you again for your support.

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