



Curriculum Letter Autumn Term 2025 – Year 5



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Welcome to Year 5! We are very excited to have the opportunity to teach these wonderful children for another year! We hope that you all had a fantastic summer holiday and feel refreshed and eager to start another exciting year. We have heard lots of lovely things about what everyone was doing and it's great to see everyone coming into class with a lovely smile. We know they will work very hard this year and give their best and rise to all the challenges the year will offer. The Year 5 team are very excited to teach the class again.

The purpose of this letter is to keep you informed about your child's learning this term and to ensure you are aware of the class routines and procedures. Also, to let you know that our door is always open if you wish to discuss anything regarding your child and we look forward to meeting you all throughout the year.

We will have an amazing short residential trip (3-days, 2-nights) to Leeson House from Wednesday 6th to Friday 8th May 2026, which we are sure will be one of the highlights of the year. More details will follow later this term from the school office regarding cost.

However, before we can look forward to the summer term, we need to concentrate on what we are going to achieve this term across the curriculum. This term your child will be working on the following topics:

Subject	Work which we will cover during the Autumn Term
Literacy	Grammarsaurus – reviewing the fundamentals of sentence writing. Talk for Writing – looking at a range of texts and genres. We will be reading every day including reading comprehensions.
Numeracy	In numeracy this term we will be covering the following units: • Place value (up to 1 million) • Addition and subtraction • Multiplication and division • Fractions We will also be touching on some of the other units including decimals, perimeter, area and percentages. Weekly arithmetic lessons and times tables tests (up to 12x12) – please help your child to learn their tables thoroughly during this term.
R.E.	Our topics include: Learning about Our Mission Statement and Judaism as well as our God Matters units of, <u>Creation</u> <i>Explore our responsibility as co-creators of God's creation.</i> • <i>Show understanding of the words that St. Paul uses and how they influence our lives today.</i> <u>Catholic Social Teaching</u> • <i>How the work of Jesus is illustrated through different prayers.</i> • <i>Know about pilgrimage and why people choose to go on them.</i>



	<u>Advent</u> • Know and understand the titles used by the Old Testament prophets to describe Jesus. • To understand that we think about the second coming of Jesus in Advent.
Relationships, Social & Health Education (R.S.H.E.)	• Qualities of friendship • Kind conversations • Happy being me • How good a friend are you? • Our emotional needs • Spot bullying • Stop, start, stereotypes
HUMANITIES	During this term will be focussing on History as part of our Humanities. We will be looking at The Ancient Romans and Roman Britain and The Anglo-Saxons and Vikings towards the end of term.
SCIENCE	• Earth & Space (Physics) • Forces (Physics)
COMPUTING	• Internet Research & Webpage Design • Online safety
P.E.	• Football • Gymnastics – balance and tension • Netball • Outdoor adventure problem solving
MUSIC	<u>Arabian Nights</u> Key Skills: -Play rhythms accurately reading from notation and use these in a group composition -Learn about dynamic symbols and create a piece of music using a crescendo and diminuendo -Learn about the harmonic minor scale and play melodies and accompaniments using the notes of this scale. -Compose a 2-part piece of music using notes from the harmonic minor scale in the style of the piece which we just composed
ART	• Sculpture and 3D
DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY	• Structure: Playgrounds

Please Note: P.E. will be taught on Wednesday and Friday afternoons. Please ensure the correct P.E. uniform is available in school every day, **labelled** with your child's name and that children have tracksuit bottoms and trainers for colder weather.

WATER

To ensure maximum concentration and comfort, pupils should have access to water throughout the day. While we do have drinking taps, it is advisable that your child brings in a bottle of water with their name clearly labelled on it. The children are only allowed water at school, no juice/squash please.





SNACKS

At morning break, children may have a piece of fruit to eat. This should be fresh fruit or dried fruit, but not fruit sweets. Please remember that St. Joseph's is a nut-free school, so please ensure any food brought in adheres to this. If support is needed with regards to the provision of fruit at this break, then please make us and/or the school office aware.

HOME LEARNING

- Times Tables Rock Stars (<https://trockstars.com/>)
- Reading (20 minutes per day) - 5 times per week
- Maths in a workbook – this will start after a few weeks

For the Autumn term, 30 minutes of TT Rock Stars are to be completed each week, by Friday. As with last year, Maths homework will be set on a Friday, due in on the following Wednesday and completed Reading Diaries are due in every Monday morning. For the Autumn Term, children who complete their homework every week (TT Rock Stars, Maths homework and Reading Diary) for the full half term, will be rewarded with a class prize. Class teachers/Teaching Assistants will check who has completed their homework every Friday.

READING

Please encourage your child to read at home, both to themselves and aloud to someone who can hear them. Please guide them in their reading, but most importantly praise them. If you require any resources to help questioning your child's reading, we are happy to provide you with these. The children really need to focus and improve upon their comprehension of what they are reading. Rewards will be provided to each child to encourage them to read in class and at home.



We sincerely hope your child has a happy year achieving their full potential in their penultimate year at St. Joseph's. If you have any concerns and/or wish to pass on good news, please do not hesitate to come and see us. We would be happy to help and will be on the playground at the end of each school day. Thank you for your continued support.

Miss Wright, Mrs Wasmuth & Teaching Assistant Team

