



# Year 5 Curriculum Letter

Autumn 2026



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Miss Smith (AM) , Mrs Wooller (PM )

## Welcome to Year 5!

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 the children will work very hard this year and give their best and rise to all the challenges the year will offer.

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.

Here is an overview of what we will be learning during the Autumn term:



### RE

#### Creation & Covenant

Pupils will learn about God's covenants with Noah, Abraham and Moses, the Ten Commandments and Jesus' teaching to love God and our neighbour. They also explore the Good Samaritan, Christian virtues, sin and the importance of making positive choices and helping others.

#### Prophecy & Promise

Pupils learn about God's promises and the role of prophets, exploring how prophets guided God's people and spoke about hope and the coming of the Messiah. They also explore how these promises are fulfilled through Jesus, and how Christians can respond with faith, hope and trust in God.

### English

We will be continuing to do a variety of writing. Initially we will revisit sentence structure, focussing on grammar and punctuation before going on to applying these skills in a variety of genres. We will particularly be focussing on Talk For Writing units which explore non - chronological reports and fiction writing.

We will continue to focus on our handwriting this term, ensuring we are joining our letters and forming them correctly.



### Maths

In numeracy this term we will be covering the following units:

- Place value (up to 1 million)
- Addition and subtraction
- Multiplication and division
- Fractions

There will be weekly arithmetic lessons and times tables tests. All Times Tables (up to 12x12) - Please help your child to learn their tables thoroughly during this term.



**Science:** Earth and Space, Forces

**History:** The Ancient Romans and Roman Britain and The Anglo-Saxons and Vikings.

**RSHE:** Zones of regulation, Life Education visit, TenTen units linked to Religious Understanding and Me, My Body, My Health.

**Art and DT:** Sculpture and 3D and playground structures.

**Music:** Arabian nights focussing on the harmonic minor scale and creating a piece of music using a crescendo and diminuendo.

**Computing:** Webpage design and internet safety.

## PE

Children will come into school in their P.E. kits on Mondays and Wednesdays, when P.E. will be taught in the afternoons. Please ensure they are wearing the correct P.E. uniform and have on tracksuit bottoms and trainers in colder weather. This term we will be covering the following units:-Health related exercise, game sense focussing on invasion skills, handball and outdoor and adventurous activities which challenge collaboration.



## Homework

- Reading (15-20 minutes per day) - at least 5 times per week
- Maths and English on alternate weeks in their home learning book.
- Times Tables Rock Stars (<https://trockstars.com/>)



For the Autumn term, 20 minutes of TT Rock Stars are to be completed each week by Wednesday. Homework will be set on a Thursday and is due in on the following Wednesday and completed Reading Diaries are due in every Wednesday morning.



## Water bottles and Snacks

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.

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



## 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 and bookmarks will be provided to each child to encourage them to read in class and at home.

Reading is the **KEY** to learning

## Attendance

It is vital that your child is in school every day. The children should only be off if they are really poorly. Children need to be punctual to school as we start learning as soon as the children arrive at **8.45am**. Any child arriving after 9.00am has already missed 15 minutes learning and often feel anxious as everyone else is already in class and has started their learning for the day.



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.

Mr. Curran, Mrs Myring-McCullagh & The Teaching Assistant Team



*We are all God's children and will try to live, love, work and serve as Jesus taught us.*

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