
YEAR FIVE

A new school year.

Welcome back to a new school, it has been wonderful to see so many of you this week, and to see the return of so many smiling children. As always we have a busy term ahead for us all at Saint Ambrose Barlow.

Come and See:

This term we will initially be focusing on the local church and our ideas of what a family means and can be. We will sensitively explore the ideas of what family can mean to us all, and the joys of belonging to God's family.

English:

This term we will be focusing on using a varied mix of sentence types to help the children with their descriptive and narrative story writing, using a range of pictures and texts to spark the children's imagination. We will be re-capping on previous year groups spelling lists as well as our own Y5 lists before moving on to a variety of spelling rules and using those words in context. We will also be issuing new reading books this week in line with our new Accelerated Reading program which will encourage the children to earn points for reading and comprehension.

Maths:

We begin the term with a place value focus before moving on to addition and subtraction as well as a sustained focus throughout the year on reasoning questions, where the children will be asked to apply their understanding to real world problems. We will also be making links within Science and Computer Science where the children will use data handling and graphs to solve problems and carry out experiments.

Science:

This term the focus will be on The Earth and the Solar System, where we will look at the organisation of the planets and how they move in relation to the Sun and also how the Moon moves in relation to the Earth. We will also be looking at the dimensions of the solar system and the vast dimensions involved and how we can model them. There will be further opportunities to investigate scientists associated with the field.

History and Geography:

We will be studying aspects of the Ancient Egyptians - their culture and society. We will investigate how the River Nile sustained and impacted on and shaped the life of the people and how it helped to form a great civilisation. We will also investigate the beliefs of the Egyptians and their famous architecture.

P.E:

We will be looking at a range of physical skills along with hand and eye co-ordination and using those skills in a number of team games accessible to all. P.E will be on Mondays.

Important dates:

Friday 13th September 15:30 to 16:30 - homework club Y5.

Monday 16th September 15:30 - Meet the teacher Y5.

Thank you all again for all your kind words of encouragement this and last year. It is real pleasure to have your support and if you ever need to talk or discuss a worry, please do not hesitate to contact me or find me on the play ground. My door is always open.

Mr Alexander and Mrs MacDonald.