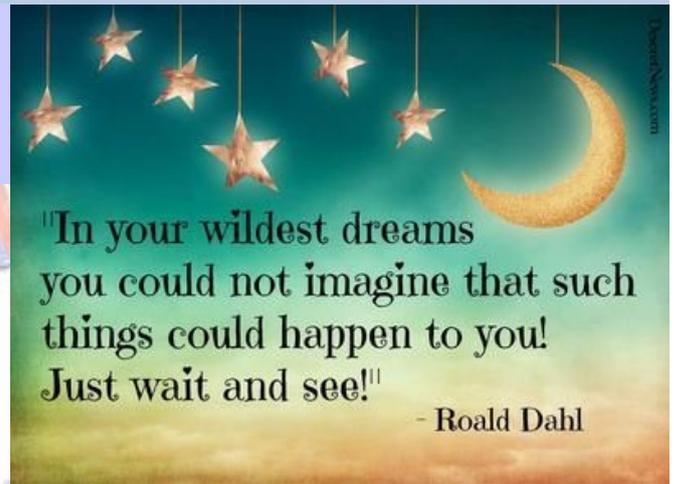


Welcome to Year 5!

Enter A World Of Pure Imagination

A very warm welcome back to all Year 5 pupils and families! I hope you had an enjoyable and restful summer. The theme for this year is THE TIME TO...IMAGINE, INVENT, INSPIRE. Throughout this year, we hope to work with you to stimulate your children's imagination, ambitions, hopes and dreams! As your children are now in upper key-stage-two, I'm sure they are eager to take on the new responsibilities and challenges that come with it. Within our year's theme, our Autumn topic will be 'Enter A World Of Pure Imagination: What Wonders Inspire Writers?' Our topic will focus upon Roald Dahl and his wonderful imagination that has brought joy to so many.



Throughout **RE** the children will be exploring their talents and gifts through the topic of 'Ourselves'. They will also have chance to look forward and consider their 'Life choices' and how to make the right choices and spread the Good News. The topic of 'Hope' just before Christmas will allow the children to think about waiting, hoping and how to use our time wisely whilst waiting. Our exploration of another World Faith— Hinduism— will give us chance to consider the topic of community and the communities we are part of.

English: As our topic is centred around Roald Dahl, we will be devouring a range of his books, whilst analysing his writing techniques to discover what makes his writing so wonderful. We will be fostering our poetic skills and using our imagination to create original pieces of writing. There will be lots of discussion and group writing to ensure the children can confidently use the skills when asked to independently. As always, there will be a focus on spelling, punctuation and grammar to ensure Year 5 produce writing of the highest quality.

Maths: Year 5 will deepen their understanding of mental and written methods to ensure they have a range of ways to solve problems. We will look at contextualised problems that will encourage the children's independence in maths so they become life-long mathematicians.

Key Dates:

- 12th September: Swimming Starts
- 13th September: Roald Dahl Day
- 15th September: Whole School Mass
- 14th October: Year 5 Assembly/
De Paul Sleep Out
- 18th October: Parent Consultations
4-7pm
- 19th October: Parent Consultations
1:30-3:30pm
- 20th October: Whole School Mass
- 1st November: Whole School Mass/
KS2 Disco
- 17th November: Year 5 Class Mass
- 1st December: Advent Celebrations
7pm
- 9th December: Carols Around The
Tree
- 15th December: Whole School Mass
- 4th January: School Starts Back



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In **Science** we will use books such as 'Charlie and the Chocolate factory' as a talking point before discussing the importance of a healthy lifestyle. We will explore forces and electricity using a variety of resources. There will be child-led investigation to allow the children to truly explore science themselves.

History and **Geography** will both link to Dahl's life, his family in Norway and Wales, and his stories from WWII. Children will explore the life of a fighter pilot in WWII and will have chance to compare Norway and Wales, with a focus on coastal areas.

Art will allow us to explore the work of Quentin Blake (Dahl's illustrator) and end with the children making their own artistic paper planes. **DT** will focus on mechanisms and the use of levers, pulleys and gears within products.

In **PE** we will be playing invasion games to develop our team work. In Year Five, we have regular **swimming lessons** on a Monday afternoon. During this time, the children will develop their water confidence skills and fluency of different swimming strokes, in the hope of working towards a swimming badge. We also hope to spend some time at Glapton Woods to develop our confidence and respect for nature and the environment in our **Forest Schools** programme.

Year Five will also be studying **French**, building up a basic vocabulary and essential conversation skills through singing and other interactive media. Pupils will have an opportunity to practice their pronunciation through speaking and listening activities. In **Computing**, the children will be able to develop their coding and inventive skills, whilst working with a variety of software.



Help from home!

1. Check Homework diaries regularly for weekly information about your child's work and progress. Please sign diaries weekly. **Diary checks will be made on a Thursday.**
2. Children will be given homework each week on a **Tuesday and a Friday (English/Maths)**. They will be reminded to write down their homework and its due date in their diary and as Year 5s they are encouraged to take responsibility for remembering to complete their homework but they may need the odd reminder from someone at home to get it done! Homework is not something that should worry them and I will remind them that if they are ever struggling to complete a homework task, then they should come and see me.
3. It is very important that all children can recall their number facts quickly and correctly, so when possible please encourage your child to practise their multiplication, division, addition and subtraction skills. It can really help!
4. *"Books shouldn't be daunting, they should be funny, exciting and wonderful; and learning to be a reader gives a terrific advantage."* — Roald Dahl. **Reading every day is essential.** Please discuss characters, themes, plots and ask for your child's opinions on the books they are reading; this will help with their success in English. Recording this information in their homework diary is extremely useful evidence of their reading.
5. Swimming will be on a Monday afternoon every week. Please ensure that children's swimming kits are in school. Please write a note your child's diary if you would like them to wear goggles.
6. Children will be given a list of spellings each week on a **Tuesday**. These will be tested the following Tuesday. Please keep a check of these regularly. A useful way to practise spellings is to include them in interesting or funny sentences.



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I am sincerely looking forward to getting to know your children more and help them to achieve their highest potential. Strong home-school links are key to ensure that your children succeed and gain the best support from both school and home, so if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to get in touch so we can discuss them further.

Miss Cotter

