

Year 5 Update

R.E

This week in RE, we have begun our now topic on Transformation. The children have been looking at the energy that is given by the natural elements, the sun, wind, water and air. They have been thinking about how we transform these natural sources of energy into something good and useful. We then began looking at how this links to Jesus' life and how we can transform the power we get from the Holy Spirit into good.

Next week, we will begin looking at the Fruits of the Spirit and how these can help us to be a good person.

Key Vocabulary: Transformation, transform, energy, Holy Spirit, Fruits of the Spirit, Pentecost, baptise

Weekly Mission



Queen of May
Mission

May is the Month of Our Lady. We particularly ask for her help and prayers this month.

Your Mission is to honour Mary by crowning her statues with flowers. You can also hold a May procession to celebrate Mary together as a school or class.

English

In English this week, the children have been looking more closely at the decision Macbeth and Lady Macbeth need to make about King Duncan. The children looked at the points for and against. Each child was given a role to play, either Macbeth or Lady Macbeth. They then took part in a whole class debate in role. After this, we looked at the features of writing a discussion text, such as modal verbs, relative clauses, adverbials and conjunctions. Next week, the children will write detailed discussion texts based on this.

Key Vocabulary: Act, scene, Macbeth, Lady Macbeth, discussion, balanced argument, debate, modal verbs, relative clauses, adverbials, conjunctions

Get Ahead: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/english-ks2-macbeth-index/zkxcbdm>

Maths

The week in Maths, we have continued learning about decimals to three decimal places - e.g.: 12.342. We looked in detail at comparing and ordering decimal numbers and how we can identify numbers that are greater than and less than or equal to a given number. Next week, we will begin relating percentages to our previous learning about decimals and fractions.

Key vocabulary: Decimal, decimal point, place value, fraction, equivalent, tenths, hundredths, thousandths

History

The children have continued their learning about the Normans as part of their local history enquiry following on from their trip to Mountfitchet Castle. They have looked at the Bayeux Tapestry and how it tells the story of the Battle of Hastings. They learned that there is thought to be a missing piece of the tapestry and they attempted to draw what they thought it may have looked like in the style of the rest of the works. They will learn about Motte and Bailey castles and will design their own in groups.

Key Vocabulary: Normans, Mountfitchet, Bayeux Tapestry, Motte and Bailey, local, rediscovered.

Water Bottles

We have noticed that there are an increasing amount of children who are bringing very expensive water bottles in to use at school. Please could children keep these at home as we are concerned that if they are lost or damaged they will be very upset.

Extra information:

- Monday 6th May Bank Holiday - school closed
- Wednesday 8th May - Micro:bit workshop
- Thursday 9th May Ascension Day - Crowning of Mary at 9.15am - please could children bring in a flower on this day.
- Wednesday 22nd May Key Stage Two (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6) Padua classes Sports afternoon 1.30 - 3.30pm - parents welcome. This is weather dependent.
- Thursday 23rd May Key Stage Two (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6) Lisbon classes Sports afternoon 1.30 - 3.30pm - parents welcome. This is weather dependent.

Sport's Afternoon: This year for sport's afternoon we are inviting the children to wear a t-shirt in the colour of their house team. St John Paul - yellow, St Kizito - red, St Hildegard - green and St Teresa - blue.

- Thursday 23rd May - Foodbank donation day
- Friday 24th May Early Years classes - mass in the Nursery Garden - 9.15am.



BE ACTIVE / KEEP LEARNING

May is the month of Mary. At home and / or in your class, say a prayer to Our Lady every day to help us think about May being her special month and to thank all our mums for everything they do for us.