

Year 5 update

R.E

Topic: Galilee to Jerusalem

- The children have continued learning about the important messages that Jesus shares with us through the beatitudes.
- They have written stories that link to the Beatitudes and have thought about what we can learn from these stories.

Key vocabulary: beatitudes, blessed, revolution

Pre-teaching: next week we will be studying the Parable of the Good Samaritan. You might want to read through with your child ahead of next week. Luke 10:25-37

Maths

Topic: fractions

- The children have been learning to convert between mixed numbers and improper fractions.

Vocabulary: fraction, denominator, numerator, mixed number, improper fraction.

Pre-teaching: next week the children will be making connections between tenths and hundredths, linking this to fractions and will also be learning to compare and order fractions.

English:

Book: The Promise by Nicola Davies

Purpose: Writing to entertain

- This week the children have been writing their own setting descriptions from the story, using techniques such as expanded noun phrases, prepositional phrases and relative clauses.

Key vocabulary: Narrative, entertain, figurative language, personification, similes, metaphors, expanded noun phrases, prepositions, relative clauses.

Pre-teaching: next week the children will be recapping learning on using dialogue and will be working in pairs to complete a shared write.

Science:

Topic: Earth and Space

- The children have been learning about different models of the solar systems as contributed by Ptolemy, Alhazen and Copernicus and have discussed the evidence they had to support their theories.

Key vocabulary: geocentric model, static model, heliocentric model, solar system, celestial bodies, orbit.

Pre-teaching: next week children will be learning about the movement and shapes of the celestial bodies in our Solar System.

Key information:

- Children will be taking part in the Joy of Moving sessions with Watford FC on a Wednesday. Please can children have grey joggers and trainers in school as these will include outdoor sessions.

Big Schools' Bird watch



**BIG SCHOOLS' BIRDWATCH 2026**

We are pleased to let you know that we will be taking part in the Big Schools' Birdwatch 2026, and we would love for you to take part at home too.

This national survey helps to build a picture of garden bird populations across the UK. Through this activity, children will be working scientifically by observing birds and recording data carefully.

Please visit the link below to sign up and receive a free birdwatch guide: [RSPB Bird & Wildlife Conservation Charity](https://www.rspb.org.uk/birdwatch)

**HOW TO TAKE PART AT HOME:**

- Choose one hour between 23-25 January
- Only record the birds that land in your garden or chosen outdoor space
- Record the highest number of each bird species seen at any one time

**Optional challenge:** We would love to see children capture their observations through photographs or drawings and share them with their class.

[www.rspb.org.uk/birdwatch](https://www.rspb.org.uk/birdwatch)

Have a lovely weekend,

The Year 5 team