

Friday 13th February 2026

Year 5 update

R.E

Topic: Galilee to Jerusalem

- Children have been thinking about how we pray.
- They have looked closely at the Our Father and learned that each line has a specific teaching and meaning for Christians that help them to understand how to speak to God their creator.

Key vocabulary: seven petitions, meditation, reflection

English

Topic: Letters

Purpose: writing to Persuade

Book: The Misadventures of Frederick

- The children have looked at the features of a persuasive letter.
- They have written book reviews using hyperbole (exaggeration)

Key vocabulary: persuasive, hyperbole, power of three, anecdotes, alliteration, rhetorical questions, formal and informal.

Pre-teaching: after half term children will be writing persuasive letters. Children could keep an eye out for some formal adverts, or read some newsletters to get an idea of writing formally before writing their own letters.

Maths

Topic: fractions

- Children have been adding and subtracting fractions, including mixed numbers and improper fractions.
- The children have been applying their learning to reasoning questions.

Key vocabulary: addition, subtraction, fraction, convert, simplify.

Pre teaching: we will be focusing the four operations addition, subtraction, division and multiplication.

Science:

Topic: Forces and space:

The children have:

- Been learning that the rotation of the Earth causes day and night and the tilt and orbit causes the seasons.

Key vocabulary: calibrate, face, gnomon, horizon, midday, sundial, sunrise, sunset

Pre-teaching: After half term the children will be starting the topic *Life cycles and Reproduction*.

Extra information:

- Monday 23rd February is an INSET day and the school will be closed for pupils.
- Tuesday 24th February Lisbon will be attending a retreat day at St. Michael's church. They will need to bring a packed lunch in that day. Please no nuts or fizzy drinks.
- Tuesday 3rd March Padua will be attending a retreat day at St. Michael's church. They will need to bring a packed lunch in that day. Please no nuts or fizzy drinks.
- Year 5 will be having a Harry Potter on Thursday 12th March, children are invited to dress up as a character from the book on this day.

We hope you have a lovely half term,

The Year 5 team