

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2026

## Year 5 update

### R.E

Topic: Islam

- The children enjoyed their visit to Watford Mosque on Tuesday. They asked many interesting questions, which supported their understanding of Islam.
- They considered the festival of Ramadan and the challenges of fasting.
- The Year 5 pupils attended the mass held in memory of the school's first headteacher Barry O'Byrne. The Year 5s sang beautifully and did really well with the readings and bidding Prayers. It was a lovely way to celebrate his life.

Vocabulary: Islam, Muslim, mosque, Ramadan, fasting, Qur'an, suhoor, iftar

Pre-teaching: Next week, we will begin our new topic of 'Dialogue and Encounter'

You might want to ask your child what books they already know from both the Old Testament and the New Testament.

### Maths

Topic: Geometry - Angles

- The children have used protractors to measure both acute and obtuse angles.
- The children have been using a protractor to draw angles.

Vocabulary: obtuse, right, acute, reflex, straight, classify, estimate, protractor.

Pre-teaching: Next week the children will be learning about angles around a point.

### English

Book: boy in the tower

Focus: suspense writing

The children have been writing a short narrative, based on 'Boy in the Tower.' They have applied a variety of techniques that they have learned throughout the topic to create a steady fall structure to their writing: starting as an ordinary day and building up to a cliffhanger.

Vocabulary: narrative, suspense, figurative language, steady fall, colon, ellipsis, cliffhanger, zoom in zoom out.

### Science:

This week the children have considered how humans change from babies through to old age. They discussed the changes that humans experience during puberty.

Key vocabulary: puberty, growth, hormones, period (menstruation)

Pre-teaching: Next week the pupils will be comparing the human gestation period to that of other animals.

#### Extra information:

- On Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June the Lisbon class will start their swimming lessons. Girls will require a one piece costume and boys will need swimming trunks/shorts. A towel will also be required and all children must wear a swimming hat. Please provide a waterproof bag for their swimwear and towels.
- On Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June both Year 5 classes will be visiting Mountfitchet castle. Please can pupils be in school for **8.15am**. They will also need to bring a nut free lunch. Please keep an eye on the weather as children may need a raincoat if rain is forecast or a sun hat and sun cream if it's going to be hot.

Have a lovely weekend,

The Year 5 team 😊