Walk On Water

St. Paul's C of E VA Primary and Nursery School

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With God ALL THINGS ARE possible MATTHEW 19:26

Year 5

CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

Autumn Term 1st half 2026



Welcome back to a new school year - we hope to make Year 5 as exciting as possible. The purpose of this newsletter is to keep you informed about the curriculum we will be covering this half-term so that you can support the work that we do in class.



ENGLISH

Our first half term will be spent focusing on ensuring our writing has the key features needed: correct punctuation, perfect presentation, ambitious vocabulary and accurate spelling of key words. We will be writing narratives based on the story Anglo-Saxon Boy by Tony Bradman and biographies linked to our science topic about Earth and Space.



READING

Our class reader this half-term will be Anglo-Saxon Boy by Tony Bradman. We would ask that children do not read this at home so that they are able to predict and infer about the story as we read it together as a class. If you would like to bring in your own copy to read at the same time you're very welcome to. Please make sure that your child is listened to reading at home at least three times per week and that this is recorded in their link books. Children will need to stay in on a Friday for additional reading if they have not read three times in a week.

SPELLING

The children will be taught a new spelling rule on a Monday and tested on a set of words linked to that pattern the following week, also on a Monday.

MATHEMATICS

This half term we will be covering place value (comparing, ordering, partitioning and rounding numbers to 1,000,000), addition and subtraction (addition of whole numbers more than four digits and subtraction of whole numbers less than four digits), and multiplication and division (multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1,000). To support your child at home, please encourage them to use Times Table Rock Stars regularly. There will be a weekly times table test on a Friday.



RE

Our RE lessons will focus on the question 'What does it mean if God is holy and loving?'. We will be learning what Christians believe about God and the impact this has on their lives. Please discuss what you and your family believe at home to help prepare your child for discussion

SCIENCE—Earth and Space



This half term we will be learning all about the solar system in science. We will find out about the movement of the Earth, Moon and other planets, relative to the Sun and investigate how we get day and night. Encourage your child to look at their knowledge organiser regularly at home to help them to become familiar with the new vocabulary for this topic.

MESSAGES

- Please have the correct PE kit for every lesson including trainers.
- Homework (Maths and English/Topic) will be given out every Thursday and is due in the following Tuesday. Expectations of homework are the same as in class. Please ensure children use pen and neat presentation.
- Link books will be checked every Friday. If you have a message for your teacher, please ask your child to share their link book with Mr Davies or Mrs Maryam in the morning.

HISTORY—The Anglo-Saxons

We will be learning about the Anglo-Saxons in our history lessons this half term! Studying a range of sources, we will be creating our own timelines of key events and investigating the reasons behind their invasion and settlement in the UK. Culture, democracy, and religion are some of the key concepts that we will be learning about in addition to exploring how history is recorded in different ways.



ART—Illuminated Manuscripts

Linked to our history topic, we will be learning about the features of illuminated manuscripts as well as exploring the design and style of William Morris. We will be developing our sketching skills and understanding of perspective when drawing our own



OTHER SUBJECTS

PE— PE will be held twice a week. On Tuesdays Mr Davies will teach fitness and on Thursdays Mr Chivers will be teaching football.

MUSIC— Exploring Rhythmic Layers.

PSHE— Me and My Relationships — learning what makes a healthy relationship and how to notice an unhealthy relationship.

COMPUTING— Word Processing - creating, editing and formatting our own documents.

SPANISH - What is the weather like?

KEY DATES FOR YEAR 5

- Tuesday 8th September @ 9:15am — Church (September birthdays)
- Thursday 10th September —Warner Bros Harry Potter workshop at school
- Thursday 17th September — Chiltern Open Air Museum trip
- Tuesday 6th October @ 9:15am Church (October birthdays)
- Tuesday 20th October — Langleybury Farm visit.

