



Welcome to Year 5! Please take a look at our curriculum newsletter to see what we will be learning about this Spring term, and more importantly how you can support your child.

Reading

In reading, we will be looking at a text called 'Odd and the Frost Giant'. We will be looking at inferring how characters are feeling during different points of the story and explaining how we know this.

Our second text is 'Exploring Space' where we will be learning about The International Space Station.

We are concentrating heavily on inference questions in class currently as it is not always easy for Year 5 to 'read between the lines'. Please ensure that children read to you regularly at home and are questioned throughout to deepen understanding.

R.E

At St Maxentius, we have adopted a new R.E. scheme across school. Whilst it is extremely important to explore our own faith and teachings, we also acknowledge that it is also vital to explore other faiths. Our new scheme allows us the flexibility to do just this.

During Spring, we will look at the following questions...

- Why do Christians believe that Jesus is the Messiah?
- Why is the Torah so important to Jewish people?

English

During the Spring term, Year 5 will be looking at several different texts, enabling them to experience a wide variety of genres.

Firstly, we will spend a short period of time looking at poems. This is something we have already started in Year 5 this week. I must say, I am thrilled with how well Year 5 are trying with this already!

We will also be reading 'The Giant's Necklace' and we will be developing a setting description and a news report from this.

We will finish the term off by writing an informative leaflet about protecting the environment.

We have introduced 'personification' this week – ask your child if they can tell you what that is!

Learning in other subjects

Geography – During Geography, we will be finding out all about oceans and identifying where they are in the world!

History – Our new History topic is Vikings! This is a great topic for Year 5 to be exploring – particularly as it links in closely to our previous learning. We will also identify whether some facts about Vikings are true or not!

Science – Year 5 will be exploring properties and changes of materials throughout the Spring term.

PSHE – Year 5 will be exploring two different areas. These are 'Being Safe' and 'Healthy Eating'.

Maths

We have started the year looking at multiplication and division where we will be continuing with new concepts which we introduced last term. Some children may find this difficult – particularly long multiplication. It would be great if parents and carers could encourage children to practice these at home.

We will also be looking at fractions and exploring improper fractions, unit fractions, non-unit fractions and mixed fractions.

Next, we will look at decimals and percentages. This is something that some of the children will find a challenge but please assure your child that we will not always find everything easy!

We will finish the term off with perimeter and area.

Multiplications are hugely important and will aid the children through their lessons. Please encourage children to practice these at home regularly.