



St Martin's Class: Mr Slater

St Cecilia's Class: Mrs Teague

Welcome to Year 5! The Year 5 team hope that all of you have enjoyed a lovely and relaxing Summer break. We can already see from these first few days how enthused the children are to get started in another year and progress further in their learning.

This newsletter will serve as the first of several **half-termly** newsletters that we will be sending out to keep families informed with the things that we will be getting up to in the children's learning. On a weekly basis, we will be sending home Maths homework and a set of spellings for the children to work on. We will give more guidance on homework in our **'Meet the Teacher' video which we will be making available on Thursday 21st September**. We would also like to take this opportunity to say thank you on the behalf of your children's Year 4 teachers for the wonderful gifts and support they received from you last year. We're looking forward to getting to know you all!

Autumn 1 Curriculum

ENGLISH:

Reading Focus:

This half term, we will be reading 'Journey to the River Sea' by Eva Ibbotson and 'Coming to England' by Floella Benjamin.

MATHS:

This half term in Maths, we will be beginning to revisit foundational concepts such as place value and decimals, before trying calculations.

SCIENCE: Forces

In this half term's Science lessons, we will be exploring forces and the impact they have on the world around us. We will be covering forces such as gravity, air resistance, water resistance, and friction to name but a few. Our big question: 'Can you feel the force?'

COMPUTING: Databases / Online Safety

This half term we will be appraising databases before attempting to populate our own. We will also be exploring online safety, and how we can protect our information online.

FRENCH: Children will continue lessons taught by Madame Severine alongside their class teacher. The focus will be on greetings, common classroom commands, and expressing opinions about different school subjects.

Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4
vicious	precious	delicious	suspicious
ambitious	cautious	fictitious	nutritious
social	special	official	artificial
crucial	facial	racial	antisocial
partial	martial	confidential	essential
initial	spatial	palatial	credential
malicious	infectious	spacious	atrocious
unofficial	superficial	residential	substantial
according	aggressive	attached	average
achieve	ancient	available	awkward

R.E TOPIC: Ourselves

Our RE topic this term is all about 'Ourselves'. We will be exploring scripture to enable us to understand the qualities and talents we have and how God wants us to develop those further.

GEOGRAPHY: Brazil

In this half term's geography lessons, we will be focusing on Brazil. We will be exploring the differences this country has to our own, as well as exploring the differences within Brazil. Our big question: 'Why is Brazil called a country of contrasts?'