



St Martin's Class: Mr Slater

St Cecilia's Class: Mrs Teague

Time has really flown by and we have already reached the end of a hectic but brilliant first half-term. We would like to congratulate the children on their efforts with their learning throughout the half-term. This was nicely capped off this week with the children's Science Project Presentations in class. Keep your eyes peeled on the G-Suite to see some photos of presentations!

This week has also been a lovely time for reflection throughout the school as it has been our prayer week. Year 5 did a wonderful job of starting to learn The Angelus, as well as writing reflections on the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary.

We are already looking forward to next term, containing assemblies and our first Year 5 trip!

Autumn 2 Curriculum

ENGLISH:

Reading Focus: *Journey to Jo'Burg* by Beverley Naidoo and *For Forest* by Grace Nichols

Writing Focus: Letter Writing, predictions around a text, balanced arguments, poetry writing

Spelling Focus: -ant, -ent, -ance, -ence

MATHS:

Next half-term we will be approaching Maths slightly differently, focusing solely on Geometry (shape, angles, etc.) for the month of November. Here, children will be reviewing the properties of shape, classifying polygons, and constructing their own angles.

COMPUTING: Databases/Blogging

Next half term the children will be finishing the unit on databases before we turn our attention to blogging using the website J2e. Here we will also recap the importance of maintaining online safety.

SCIENCE: Earth and Space

Next half-term, we will be exploring what we know about Earth and Space before delving into wider learning about how we get seasons, day and night, and time zones.

We will be consolidating this learning with a trip to the Science Museum on Monday 27th November. Please let the office know if you would be able to help - we'd really appreciate some parent volunteers.

R.E TOPIC: Life Choices/Judaism/Advent

Next half-term in RE, we will be concluding our topic on life choices (focusing on the sacrament of marriage) before a brief dive into traditions within Judaism. Then we will begin the run-up to Christmas with a topic about Advent.

GEOGRAPHY: Rainforests

Our final Geography topic of the year (before turning our attention to history after Christmas) will focus on the importance of the Rainforests around the world, as well as the issues around maintaining them whilst meeting resource demand.

FRENCH: Children will continue lessons taught by Madame Severine alongside their class teacher. The focus of this term has been on common classroom commands, recapping some of the grammar taught in year 4 (masculine/feminine noun agreement).

HOMEWORK – No Homework over half-term!

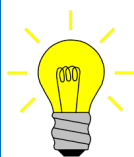
TRIP: As mentioned earlier, Year 5 will be having their trip to the Science Museum on Monday 27th November. We will be taking public transport. Please do let the office know if you would be able to assist us on the day.

ASSEMBLY PREP: Mr Slater would like to ask the children of St Martin's class to learn the hymn 'Make me a Channel of your Peace' for the class assembly (10th November). Please find the video with lyrics to this on G-Suite to help.

READING: Your child should continue reading the book provided with the reading journals which must be in have been returned to them. Please, kindly note the **date**, **book title**, **pages read** and **brief comment** on their reading.

We have allocated Kenneth Grahame's 'The Wind in the Willows' by Margaret McAllister. Please finish this book if you haven't already. Please do encourage your child to be responding to the questions on the book as they go through.

To log in to Bug Club, your **child's username will be the first 4 letters of their first name, followed by the first four letters of their surname**. Passwords for all year 5 children have been set to 'becket18'. The school CODE is **hp6h**.



HALF TERMLY PROJECT:



A massive thank you to all of the support and help offered to the children in producing their Science topics for this half-term. The children thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to present their findings in class.

Next half-term, the half-termly project will stay Science-orientated. As our next half-termly project focuses on Space, we would like the children to produce their own project on this.

Children can design a model of the solar system, focus on the moon or a particular planet, write a character biography of a famous astronomer (we will provide the children with some ideas for this next half term); get creative! Good luck!