



# St. Teresa's Class

## Year 5- Summer Term 1

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you had a wonderful Easter break and enjoyed a full two weeks with your loved ones. Now to get back into the swing of things... and what a fun filled term we have ahead of us!

In Science, we will be taking the opportunity to revise some previous topics from Lower KS2 in an abstract way. For example, the children will be revising conductors and insulators from Year 4, but will elevate their understanding to include thermal conduction. They will also use this information to classify materials based on their properties.

In Geography, we will be studying coasts. We will be exploring maps of famous coastal areas; exploring how erosion works and explaining why certain structures such as stacks or arches appear in coastal areas.

In RE, we will be revising Easter and how important it is to the Catholic faith. We will explore the Easter Triduum, Nicene Creed and the story of Lazarus to help us understand the power that the Resurrection has on our faith.

Our class books for this term are;

1783 Freedom by Catherine Johnson, and, Thief! By Malorie Blackman, should you wish to borrow a copy from the local library, or purchase one for your child to use to read along with in class.

I am delighted to be working with your children again this term. It has been great to see how much they have progressed since the end of Year 4. We have had a busy first week back and I have been delighted how well the children have responded and settled back to school, ready to work hard to be the best that they can be. This term we will have a focus on ensuring that the children leave Year 5 ready for their last year here at St Joseph's. I am available on the playground at the end of the school day should you have any questions or concerns.

I look forward very much to teaching the children again and having a great summer term!

Kindest regards,  
Mrs Carr

### Reminders

#### **Homework will be set through TEAMS on a Friday, this will include:**

- Spellings - these will be shared as before through TEAMS, and to be practised alongside their homework.
- A main focus on maths, literacy or RE

#### **Homework is due on a Wednesday**

- **Home reading** – we have been discussing reading books in class this week and the importance of the child's reading record/diary. Children are expected to choose 2 books from the class library, 1 Big Cat book, these books have been purchased specifically to ensure there is clear progression in reading across KS2 and a class novel. Both of these books can be read alongside books that the children would like to read at home. We would like all children to be reading at least 5 times a week and this should be recorded in their reading diary. As you all know, recording these reads in the reading diary leads to reading points and rewards. Please ensure your child's reading diary is in school every day so I am able to check them – I am delighted that the children have responded to this quickly and since our discussion I have had reading diaries in every day. Thank you for your support with this.

#### **Water bottles- Please ensure your child brings one to school**

- Children should be bringing a water bottle in to school every day. Please make sure your child's name is written clearly on their water bottle.

#### **PE and Outdoor Learning**

- PE will take place on **Thursday and Friday afternoon**, please ensure children wear their uniform to school. This includes trainers, a house colour top and navy/black shorts. NO LOGOS.
- Outdoor Learning will also take place on a Friday, please ensure waterproof clothing and a pair of wellies are in school for this, but it is also a good idea for them to have wellies in all the time as they need them to go on the field at break times and lunch times.