



Term: Spring 1 2020
Year group: 5

Information for parents

Dear Parents and carers,

Welcome back to a new year and a new decade! We hope you had a wonderful Christmas break and we wish you and your family a happy and blessed 2020. We are hoping you had a very peaceful and enjoyable time with your families and friends and that your children are rested, recharged and ready for learning!

As the New Year brings resolutions, personal goals and renewed focus, this is a perfect time to remind your child of their targets and areas to improve with their learning. Please support them in achieving these goals by encouraging them to develop their learning behaviours. The [8 learning behaviours](#) we focus on at school are:

Not giving up **Being curious** Having a go **Co-operating** Enjoying learning
Improving Using your imagination **Concentrating**

Good News for Families

Along with encouraging your child in their learning journey, it is also a very good time for them to reflect and focus on their *spiritual journey*. As mentioned in the *Wednesday Word for Advent and Christmas* (in reference to the Gospel of Sunday 5th January 2019-Matthew 2:1-12 'The Feast of the Epiphany'):

We can ask the Lord to grant us the gift of wisdom (Pope Francis).

"Who followed the star to Bethlehem? In Sunday's Gospel (5th January), **we see wisdom in action**. Because of their closeness to God, the wise men from the East knew not to return to Herod, who really wanted to kill the child Jesus. **Wisdom is a gift from God and helps us to see things more clearly and make the right choices in life**. Just like the wise men in the Gospel, our families can also be filled with wisdom, if we stay close to God."

Ask your child what the word 'wisdom' means to them. Who do they know to be a wise person? What makes a person wise?

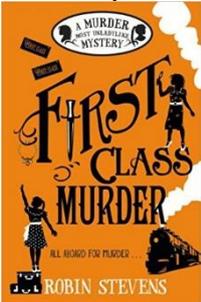
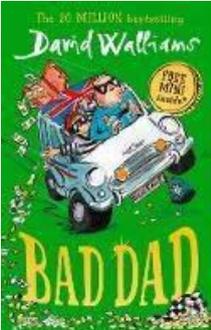
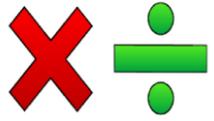
Wisdom shows itself by doing good." (St James)

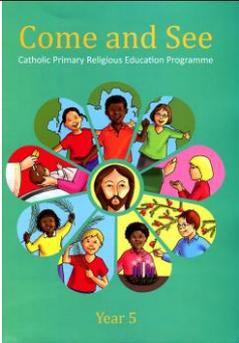
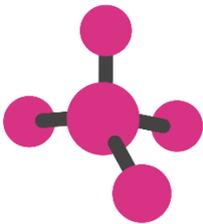
"True **wisdom** is discovering what God wants us to do, **then trying our best to do it**. It's about using knowledge well - having good judgement. Each of you choose a way in which you will try to **grow in God's wisdom** as we begin this new year. Perhaps it is through: reading the gospels together; not rushing when making decisions; learning Church teaching; praying together and asking God for the gift of wisdom; listening carefully to wise parents, teachers and other wise people.

*Dear Lord Jesus,
as we start this new year, please help us to grow in wisdom and to be wise enough
to guide others to you too.*

Amen

Here is a brief outline of what your child will be learning about this half term.

Subject	Coverage	Suggestions as to how you can support learning at home
<p>Literacy</p>  <p>Or</p> 	<p>We are studying 'First Class Murder' by Robin Stevens. Mrs Rowlandson's group will be reading 'Bad Dad' by David Walliams.</p> <p>We will be writing a persuasive argument on who we think committed the murder or on how to be a better father.</p> <p>We will learn how to include evidence and statistics in our writing as well as learning persuasive techniques such as the power of three, emotive language and rhetorical questions.</p>	<p>Continue to take your child to the library. Cultivate an interest in reading!</p> <p>Read EVERY DAY with your child. Ask them questions about what they have read to check their understanding. Please sign their reading record daily - it will be checked at school weekly</p> <p>Pupils do not need to do stickers in their books any longer, but please continue to discuss your child's reading book with them (Use the sticker questions as prompts - if you would like to.)</p>
<p>Numeracy</p>  <p>MULTIPLICATION DIVISION</p>	<p>This term we will be looking at multiplication and division. We will use manipulatives to understand the processes and then convert this knowledge into the formal written method. We will then begin to look at multistep word problems that involve all four operations. This will require the children to apply their knowledge of the four operations and prepare them for exams. We will then begin to look at fractions.</p>	<p>Practise times tables and division facts at home EVERY DAY.</p> <p>Useful website to learn the timetables: www.topmarks.com</p> <p>Students to continue using Mathletics at home.</p>
<p>RE</p>	<p>Judaism: We will be learning about other religions such as Judaism where we will be looking into the Exodus story. The students will learn this story, begin to understand it and write a narrative about Moses and his journey.</p> <p>Mission: We will be learning about how</p>	<p>Read with your child God's story: the Bible.</p> <p>The Children's Bible has many wonderful stories you can enjoy learning about. Help the children become familiar with the characters and themes of the Bible. Discuss the words and religious vocabulary.</p> <p>Go to church and experience the reverence and worship to God.</p> <p>Children to explore and learn about</p>

	<p>Jesus undertook his mission to share Good News and how each diocese continues that mission and work today. Furthermore, we will explore why people carry out Jesus' mission in different ways through what they say and do.</p> <p>Memorial Sacrifice: Within the topic of memorial sacrifice we will be learning about the Passover, and the Last Supper and understanding that the Eucharist is a memorial and a sacrifice.</p>	<p>other religions such as Judaism.</p>
<p>Science</p> 	<p>This term we will learn about Materials. We will compare and group materials on the basis of their properties and investigate whether they are thermal or electrical conductors or insulators. We will also explore how some materials will dissolve in liquid to form a solution and describe how to recover a substance from a solution. We will look at how solutions may be separated, including through filtering, sieving and evaporating.</p>	<p>Visit the Science Museum to learn interactively!</p> <p>Students to research and explore the topic using books and internet sites, (eg BBC Bitesize).</p>
<p>Geography</p> 	<p>Our new topic is: Extreme Earth.</p> <p>We will be exploring all things extreme about our planet. Different natural disaster and extreme climates will be a focus, such as earthquakes, tornados, volcanic eruptions and tsunamis.</p> <p>We will also investigate the Earth's core and its' structural make up.</p>	<p>Keep an eye on current events in the news relating to natural disasters or extreme weather. Or find and read old newspaper articles or watch old news reporting videos on disasters which have occurred around the world over recent years and throughout history.</p> <p>Students to research and explore all things extreme. Use the internet or go to the library and borrow books on natural disasters, weather, climate, and layers of the earth.</p> <p>Visit the Natural History Museum and the Science Museum to find out more about the Earth and extreme make up.</p>
<p>Computing</p> 	<p>We will be learning to write code and debug programmes using Hopscotch. This is a free app that you can download for your child to use at home. We continue to use ICT throughout the curriculum to aid with research and presentation skills.</p>	
<p>PE</p>	<p>KS2 will develop their ball and match skills in football, hockey, basketball</p>	

	and fitness, as well as their teamwork and leadership skills.
Italian 	We will be learning about the seasons of the year, and when our birthdays are. Then we will move on to learning about the different types of the Italian houses; the different rooms of the house, and prepositions.
Music 	This half term we will be learning about the history of how African rhythms and European church music combined in the early 20 th century to make "the Blues" which led to almost all modern pop music.

All teachers at Sacred Heart School follow the homework policy.

In year 5 we will follow this homework timetable:

Subject	Handed out	Due in on	How you can help
Reading	Daily	Daily	Read with your child daily. Check their understanding of the text by asking them questions about what they have just read. (Reading Records are checked every Thursday)
English homework - SPAG - Spellings Comprehension	Wednesday	Tuesday	Complete a little homework each day. Spellings need to be practised daily using the 'Look Cover Write' method. Spelling Shed
Maths homework - Mathematics - Rock Stars - Maths work Times tables	Friday		Tuesday

Each class will perform one class assembly this year along with one open class session (as a year group), where your child will have an opportunity to share their learning with you.

Assembly date for class 5M is on Wednesday 12th February 2020

PE is an essential part of the curriculum. We are lucky enough to have specialist teachers and coaches.

Please remember that the school rule is that if your child is unable to participate in PE owing to sickness, then they are not well enough to come to school.

PE days for Year 5 are Thursdays.

Please remember to remove your child's earrings on a Wednesday evening.

The before and after school clubs this term are:

CLUBS TIMETABLE-SPRING 1 2020					
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Morning Session	BREAKFAST CLUB FOOTBALL CLUB Y4/5/6 8.00-8.50AM (£30)	BREAKFAST CLUB CHOIR (8:15-8:50am)	BREAKFAST CLUB	BREAKFAST CLUB	BREAKFAST CLUB FOOTBALL CLUB Yr 1/2/3 8.00-8.50AM (£30)
After School	ORCHESTRA (RK) (Selected pupils only) RUNNING CLUB Yrs 2/3/4/5/6 3.30-4.30PM (£20)	Italian**) (3.30-4.30pm) <u>Start date TBC-</u> <u>Limited Numbers</u> Girls Multi-Skills Yrs 3/4/5/6 3:30pm-4:30pm (£30) SWIMMING CLUB Yrs 4/5/6-selection only-£65 5:30pm-6:30pm (Selected pupils only) GYMNASTICS* (3.30-4.30pm)	CRAFT CLUB* (D.M-Hall) COOKING CLUB* 3:30pm-5:30pm (Mrs Rodrigues) FOOTBALL LEAGUE (AO) 3.30pm – 5.30pm (Invitation only)** MULTI SPORTS CLUB Yrs 1/2/3 3:30pm-4:30pm (£30)	MULTI SPORTS CLUB Yrs 4/5/6 3:30pm-4:30pm (£30) CHOIR (JC-3.30-4.30pm) DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY & COMPUTING (AW- Old ICT Suite- 3.30-4.30pm) (£20) SQUASH CLUB** (Invitation only) GYMNASTICS* (3.30-4.30pm)	ATHLETIC SQUAD TRAINING Y4/5/6 (3.30-4.30PM) <u>Currently invitation only-new intake from Feb half term</u> Creative Arts Club* (3:30pm 4:45pm) <u>Start date 17/01/20</u> (£95 for term) HOMEWORK CLUB** (JB-3:30-4:40PM)

Please use the new Parent Mail system to book a place on any sports clubs or for the digital photography club. For Breakfast Club, please contact Ms Drinan via the school

* Those clubs marked with an asterix are run by outside providers and their charges may vary. Speak to either the providers directly via contact details on their letters or the school office.

** Those marked with a double asterix are free. There is no charge.

***Gymnastics is a private club but sessions are offered to SH pupils on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3.30-4.30pm subject to availability.

Details of all clubs can also be found in the newsletters, on our website or by asking the school office.

Please feel free to make an appointment with your child's class teacher at any time should you wish to discuss progress, attainment or welfare.

Kind regards,

Mrs Parker & Miss McCoy - Class Teachers

Mrs Nakonechna & Mrs Rowlandson - Intervention Teachers

Miss Debbie, Miss Sonali & Sister Anna - Support Staff