

## How can I help my child's learning at home?

*There are lots of things that you can do as a parent to assist your child with their learning:*

- Try to hear your child read every night for at least 5-10 minutes – *discuss what they have read, ask questions etc... Enjoy this time together!*
- Help your child to achieve their writing and handwriting targets.
- Practice times tables – access Times Tables Rockstars.
- Encourage your child to complete their homework each week.
- Access AR reader and TTR apps to support our learning in school.
- Tell us about achievements at home – ***every step of your child's development: is important to us!***



Useful websites for fun learning activities include:

- [www.transum.org/Tables/Times\\_Tables.asp](http://www.transum.org/Tables/Times_Tables.asp)
- [www.coolmath4kids.com/](http://www.coolmath4kids.com/)
- [www.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/maths/](http://www.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/maths/)
- [www.maths-games.org/](http://www.maths-games.org/)
- [www.mathsisfun.com/games/index.html](http://www.mathsisfun.com/games/index.html)
- [www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/maths/](http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/maths/)

## Welcome to Year 5!

Our creative topic this term is 'How is Our Country Changing?' and we are really looking forward to learning about our country area and how it is changing.

### Reading:

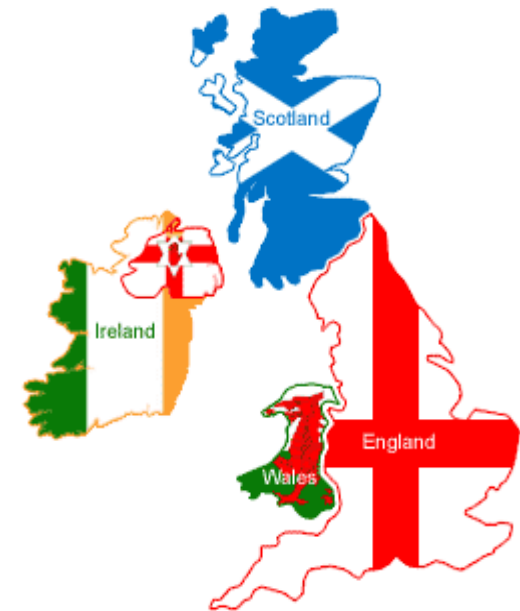
Reading is a whole-school focus for us this year and it is essential for your child to be able to read for pleasure both in school and at home. Please ensure your child is reading a range of books, both fiction and non-fiction and talk to your child about their reading. ***Please remember to write a comment in their reading record to let us know how they are getting on with their reading with you at home!***

Please ensure absences are kept to a minimum this term and that you continue to support your child with their home learning. If there is ever a problem, try to let us know as soon as possible, so that we are able to help the best that we can!

- Contact us by phone at: **01253 311248**
- Look at our school website at:  
<http://www.stjohnvianneys.co.uk/>

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## How is Our Country Changing?



**Curriculum Overview**  
**Autumn Term 2018**  
**Year 5**

*Miss Wills and Mr Lord*



## Writing>>>

This half term we will be reading 'Skellig'  
We will enjoy reading the book and will be producing writing in different genres:

- A description.
- A letter.
- A narrative.

We will also be focusing on key SPAG skills such as the use of Parenthesis, modal verbs, different nouns and pronouns, relative clauses and determiners.



## Maths >>>

This half term we will be covering different aspects of maths integrating problem solving and skills:

- Multiplication and Division - *Factors*
- Multiplication and Division - *Prime Numbers*
- Fractions and Decimals
- Multiplication and Division - *Written Methods*
- Statistics

## PSHE/Core Values/P4C>>>

- Democracy.
- The rule of law.
- Individual liberty.
- Mutual respect for and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs and for those without faith.

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Talk to the children about their writing and handwriting targets and help them to work on these at home!

Talk to your child about the treasures of God's world and how we can look after them!

## Religious Education (RE)>>>

This term, we will be continuing to explore the life of Jesus through scripture and learning about another faith, focusing on Judaism.

We will also be looking at:

- Mass responses
- Planning our own worships
- Beginning preparations for Advent

Help your child to master all of their times-tables and earn Bronze, Silver and Gold awards!

Use books from the library or the internet to help your child find out more about these things!

## The 'Arts' PE/Music/Drama/Dance>>>

**PE:** This half term Year 5's PE lessons will be on a Monday afternoon. The children will be learning a variety of skills which they will then be applying in a variety of invasion games. Swimming as usual will take place on Tuesday afternoons.

**Drama:** The children will be performing poetry linked to anti-bullying week.

**Music:** The children are given opportunities to compose and perform music inspired by their local community, past and present.

## Humanities and Science:

This term our learning quest is ... '**How is our country changing?**' Through this topic, we will:

- Name and locate counties and cities of the United Kingdom, geographical regions and their identifying human and physical characteristics.
- Understand geographical similarities and differences through the study of human and physical geography.
- Use the eight points of a compass, four and six-figure grid references, symbols and keys.
- Use fieldwork to observe, measure, record and present the human and physical features in the local area using a range of methods, including sketch maps, plans and graphs, and digital technologies.

### Science:

During this topic, we will explore life cycles of plants, animals and humans.

## Parental Engagement/WOW Events/Trips>>>

- Anti-bullying week beginning 12<sup>th</sup> November
- Year 5 trip to Blackpool Synagogue – Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November
- Church Fair – Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> November
- Y5/Y6 Carol Service – Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December