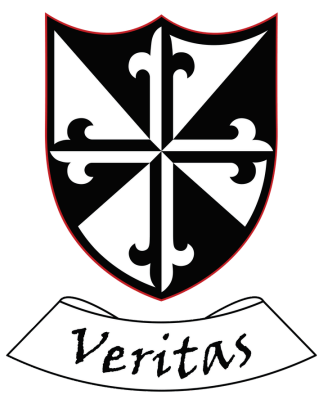


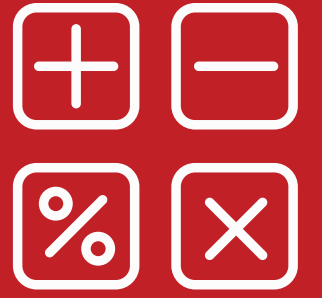
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Mathematics

In maths, Year 5 will be becoming more familiar with numbers up to 1 million. They will read, write, order and round numbers, to ensure a good understanding of place value. After this, the children will move on to addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division with whole numbers, learning both mental and written methods. Children will also revise their times table (to 12 x 12) – aiming to recall facts quickly and successfully. Children will continue to develop their arithmetic skills through their morning work and through regular arithmetic and times table tests.



English

In English, Year 5 will begin with focusing on foundational skills, practising writing sentences accurately. We will then begin a unit on 'Firebird' by Saviour Pirotta. We will be retelling, describing, and finally planning and writing their own fairytale based on 'Firebird'. The second text will be 'Hidden Figures' by Margot Lee Shetterly where we will study memoirs, reports, formal and informal letters, diaries, character descriptions and journalistic writing.



Religious Education

To begin the school year, we will review our school Mission Statement, introduce our class saint (St Catherine of Siena), explore the Bishop's Themes and create a class prayer. In Branch 1, 'Creation and Covenant', we will look at, 'The Moses story, The Burning Bush, and the Ten Commandments focusing on the two key events of the call and the covenant.



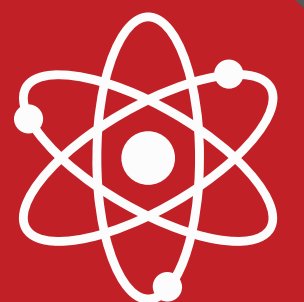
Reading

This half term, Year 5 will be reading 'The Good Thieves' by Katherine Rundell during Whole Class Reading and practising VIPERS (Vocabulary, Infer, Predict, Explain, Retrieve, Summarise). We will be reading 'The Boy Who Made Everyone Laugh' by Helen Rutter during Story Time.



Science

In science, Year 5 will begin by describe the life process of reproduction in plants and compare plants around the world. They will learn the differences in the life cycles of a mammal, an amphibian, an insect and a bird. Finally, children will find out about significant people including Jane Goodall and Sir David Attenborough.



Latin/Music

This half term, children will be learning how to give commands to more than one person, revising the use of adverbs, and expanding their vocabulary. Alongside language learning, they will deepen their understanding of Roman history by discovering what soldiers in the Roman army wore, the equipment they carried and the importance of Roman baths in daily life.





Art

In art, Year 5 will be learning drawing skills based on the creations of Man Ray. Children will continue to develop the use of different techniques for different purposes i.e. shading and hatching. They will use drawing techniques to work from a variety of sources including observation, photographs and digital images.

History

In history, Year 5 will learn when and where the Kingdom of Benin was and what countries have replaced them. They will explain who ruled this Kingdom and when the Golden Age of Benin took place in comparison to the Golden Ages of other world powers such as the UK.



Physical Education

This half term, Year 5 will focus on athletics, OAA and fitness. In athletics, the children will develop their running, jumping and throwing techniques. In OAA, the children will take part in outdoor and adventurous activity challenges. In fitness, children will learn how to select the most appropriate pace for the distance and their fitness level to maintain a sustained run. We have PE on Monday and Friday.

Personal Development

This term, children will learn that God calls us to love others. Children will find out about types of pressure and explore strategies that they can adopt to resist pressure. We will then focus on what consent and bodily autonomy means and discuss and reflect on different scenarios in which it is right to say 'no'.



Key Vocabulary

This term, some of the words that we will be learning in Year 5 include:

- responsibility
- evaluate
- trade
- observation
- slavery
- environment

Class Notices

Thursday 24th September - Afternoon Police Workshop
Thursday 1st October - National Poetry Day
Wednesday 7th October - School Photos
Friday 9th October - Cinderella Panto



How parents & carers can help

- Regular reading, asking your child questions about their book.
- Complete any homework set.
- Learn to spell Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 Statutory Words.
- Learn all multiplication and division facts up to 12 x12.