

### **Reading**

Please ensure your child reads at least three times a week and records it in their reading diary. We have a very generously stocked class library available for all Year Five pupils, as well as suggesting that all children have a library membership to Staffordshire Libraries. Accelerated Reader recommends that children should read for 30 minutes per day for maximum progress.

### **Homework and Spellings**

Each week your child should complete the following homework which can be done at any point during that time:

Homework project — 20-30 minutes on average  
TimesTable RockStars — minimum of 10 minutes practice  
ReadingWise — minimum of 10 minutes practice  
Spellings — practice until confident

If children are struggling to complete their homework they will be able to attend a homework club which allows them to focus on their work on a Wednesday lunchtime.

If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to call the office and make an appointment to see me, or email me at

[Year5-KS2@StJohnsKidsgrove.org.uk](mailto:Year5-KS2@StJohnsKidsgrove.org.uk)

Yours sincerely  
Mr Wiggs



## **Stoke-on-Trent through the years**



**A**

**study of local history**

**Year Five  
Autumn Term 2021**

## WELCOME BACK

Welcome back! Below is a brief outline of what we will be learning in each subject during the first part of our Autumn Term.

### Values and Virtues

This half term we are focusing on our values and virtues and learning to be eloquent and truthful in all we do.

We learn that our words incite actions, thoughts and feelings in all who hear them, and we take care to express our ideas and opinions clearly and with conviction. We learn to speak such that others can understand us. We choose our words to be kind, compassionate, truthful and honest at all times. We aim to always be truthful to ourselves, to our peers, to our family, and to our faith and our God.

### Religious Education

In RE this term, children will be exploring the creation story in more depth, posing and pondering questions about what it means to be made in the image and likeness of God. They will particularly focus on how they have a responsibility to live out their lives in the image of God by using their talents. The children will have the opportunity to lead times of collective worship and class based liturgy as well as leading prayers throughout the day.

### English

Our focus this half term will be based on Nina Bawden's World War II evacuee story, *Carrie's War*. We will learn about how Staffordshire assisted with Operation Pied Piper, sheltering evacuated children during the risk of German bombing. We will use this book to help build our grammar and punctuation knowledge, developing our learning from Year Four with a greater awareness and usage.

### Maths

This half term we will be consolidating our knowledge of increasingly larger numbers, examining the place value of tens of thousands and hundreds of thousands. This will then lead us into working with the formal written methods of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We will also begin mastering our knowledge of fractions and decimals, as well as beginning to look at data handling and statistical measurements

### Science

Building on knowledge gained so far in earlier years we will be learning about working scientifically to create experiments and hypotheses for outcomes. We will begin by exploring the physical properties of materials and how physical changes occur to solids, liquids, and gases, and how materials undergo reversible or irreversible changes.

### P.E

This half-term, Year 5 will be developing their key skills of personal fitness during our Health Related Exercise lessons, learning about muscle groups, aerobic fitness, and interval training. We will also be improving our invasion skills during handball lessons, which also allow us to practice throwing/catching skills, teamwork, cooperation, and sportsmanship.

Please ensure children have the correct P.E for indoor and outdoor lessons. PE footwear must be worn, trainers or plimsols: school shoes are not suitable for PE lessons.

**PE lessons this year take place on Monday and Wednesday. Your child should have their PE in school on these days.**

### Design and Technology

During this half term Year Five will be developing the concepts of design, replenish, create, and evaluate. We will be exploring the idea of where their foods have originated from and the concepts of sustainability, local foods, and 'food miles', as well as creating their own meals.

### History

This half term the children will be focusing on the concepts of locality, changes through time and impact. The children will have the opportunity to ponder key questions about the impact of significant events of the past in the local area and reflect and understand the impact of these events, people and inventions on their own lives. Their studies will focus on the importance of both The Spitfire and The Potteries to Stoke on Trent today.