



# ST ANNE'S RC PRIMARY AND NURSERY SCHOOL

## Spring 1 Newsletter

### Year Five



#### English

This term in English, Year 5 will develop their creative writing skills using a range of engaging texts. We will explore the short film *The Alchemist's Letter* as inspiration for writing informal letters, focusing on tone, structure, and expressing thoughts and feelings clearly.

Alongside this, we will read *The Curse of the Maya*, where pupils will learn how authors use flashbacks to share important events from the past. The children will plan and write their own flashback scenes, developing their understanding of character and plot.

#### Mathematics

In Spring, Year 5 will be following the White Rose units on Multiplication and Division and Fractions, Decimals and Percentages. Pupils will focus on using formal written methods to multiply and divide larger numbers accurately and efficiently. In the Fractions, Decimals and Percentages unit, they will learn to convert between fractions, decimals, and percentages, and solve problems involving all three.

#### RE

In RE, Year 5 will be exploring the journey from Galilee to Jerusalem, learning about key events and teachings along the way. We will study the Transfiguration, the Parable of the Good Samaritan, and reflect on the meaning of the Beatitudes. The children will consider how these stories and teachings can inspire them in their own lives.

#### History

In History, Year 5 will be studying early civilisations, with a particular focus on the Mayan Empire. The children will learn about Mayan society, achievements, beliefs, and daily life, as well as where and when the civilisation existed. They will also explore why the Maya were so significant and what we can learn from them today.

#### Science

This term in Science, Year 5 will be learning about the Properties of Materials, investigating and comparing materials based on their properties and learning how these affect their everyday uses.

#### PE

This term we will be participating in invasion games and football.

Children will continue to attend swimming on a Friday morning.

#### French

In French, Year 5 will be learning vocabulary to talk about their families and describe family members.

#### Music

In Music, Year 5 will explore Composing and Chords, learning how chords work together and using them to create and perform their own compositions.

#### PSHE/ RSE

In PSHE, the children will be reflecting on their dreams and goals and considering the steps they can take to achieve them.

#### Computing

In Computing, Year 5 will study Programming A - Selection in Physical Computing, learning how to use selection to control inputs and outputs in simple physical devices.

#### Art / DT

In art, we will be exploring landscapes and cityscapes. We will be taking inspiration from Vanessa Gardiner.