

Diary Dates



Hand in hand with Jesus Christ we live, love and learn together.

Welcome To 2018!

Talent Competition

19th January

School Disco

Friday 26th January

Mega maths week

29th January

INSET day

Friday 16th

February

HALF TERM

19th-23rd

February.

World Book Day

1st March

Parent Consultations

7th and 8th March

3:30 – 6:30pm

Holy Week – Mass of the last Supper led by year 5

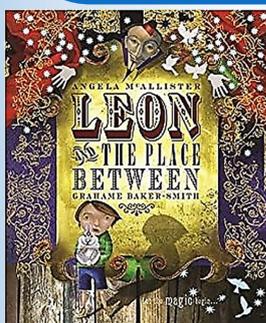
28th March 9:10am

Easter

Holiday

30th-15th April

Firstly, we would like to wish you all a very happy and healthy 2018. Many thanks for all your Christmas cards, gifts and kind words at the end of our very busy autumn term. Throughout last term, the children were working hard and challenging themselves with the demands of the curriculum. They were confident whilst delivering their Year 5 Viking Assembly as well as their Advent celebration. The standard of both was extremely high and showed how enthusiastic they are towards their learning.



We have got a brand-new, exciting term to look forward to, crammed with opportunities for the children to learn and embark on great adventures and discoveries, as our over-arching theme for this term is....

“Exploring the Unknown!”

In **RE**, we will focus on three topics this term: **Mission, Memorial Sacrifice** and **Sacrifice**. The children will explore the scriptures in depth and opportunities will be provided for collective and individual work on how to continue the work and mission of Jesus, understand that Lent is a time of giving in preparation and how the Eucharist keeps the memory of Jesus' sacrifice alive and present in a special way.

In **English**, we will be studying a range of texts linked to our space topic, we will focus on three books: *Leon and the Place Between*, *The Magic Box* and *The Nowhere Emporium*. The children will use these books to inspire their writing to create their own characters and settings and write free-verse poems.

In **Mathematics**, we will be focusing on Roman numerals, negative numbers, sequences, reflections and translations, geometry and shape, volume and area. The children will learn all about Roman numerals how to order their place value and how to use them for calculations. We will be looking at sequences with numbers that run into negatives and finding the differences between positive and negative numbers. The children will be looking at two and three dimensional shapes and learning how to identify them by their properties. We will also be looking at how to work out the volume and area for these shapes. Children will be measuring your houses for new carpets in no time!

How you can help

Please read with your child every day, noting the book and page numbers in the appropriate daily slot, and sign it to ensure good communication between home and school. All children have the opportunity to quiz each morning and during guided reading after completing their accelerated reading book.

Homework will be given out on **Mondays** and collected the following Monday. Homework is usually linked to the current maths, English and RE topics and does help to progress/consolidate children's work in class. If children are unable complete homework could you please send in a note or write in their reading record.

If your child's collection arrangements change please could you give your consent by writing a note.

Through **Geography**, the children will learn all about the Earth's surface. They will explore the theories of a flat or spherical earth and use the evidence to come to a conclusion. They will look at the different continents and how the axis of the earth affects the weather.



In **Science**, children will begin to look at the planets of our solar system. They will explore the planets movements in relation to the sun and learn how long each takes to complete its orbit. We will be looking at our moon and moons of other planets . We will be looking at night and day and the apparent movement of the sun across our sky.

In **Computing**, children will be learning to programme their own games. They will be creating landscapes and adding different characters and choosing how they interact with each other.

We will be studying the work of Peter Thorpe in art, as the children develop their creative skills of abstract art using various mediums such as ink, charcoal, paint and collage.



Mr Sims will lead our **PE** lessons teaching skills and tactics necessary to participate in **invasion games**. This half-term we can also look forward to our dance sessions with Miss Chambers. Can we remind you that all children will require an indoor PE kit consisting of shorts and t-shirts for these sessions. Rugby shirts and tracksuit bottoms are only worn during outdoor PE sessions. PE will continue to be on a Tuesday and Dance will be on Thursdays.



Year five will continue **French with Madame Wilks**, building up a vocabulary bank and essential conversation skills through singing and other interactive media. Pupils will have an opportunity to practice their pronunciation through speaking and listening activities.

