



Year 5 Learning Autumn 2

We're already in the second half term of Year 5!

We're delighted with how well the children have settled into life in Year 5 and how eager they are to learn. It was great to speak to many family members during consultation meetings and learn more about the children in our classes.

Autumn 2 is always a fun, exciting but busy time for children and staff at St Margaret's. But we look forward to celebrating the various events and activities that come up towards the festive season!

Autumn Term Topic – Create: Is there art without light?



We will be learning:

- To analyse artworks using the seven elements of art: line, shape, form, space, pattern, texture and colour
- To design our own artwork for our year group art installation, using our art knowledge and experience gained from this project
- To create our own final piece of art, using a medium of our choice, showing our understanding of our key question
- To put on an exhibition showing what we have learnt and understood from our project this term

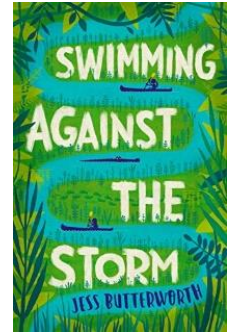
Our project concepts this term are *curiosity*, *innovation*, *exploration* and *the unknown*.

English Learning

In English, we will be reading the text *Swimming Against the Storm* by Jess Butterworth.

We will learn to:

- Read and study the book, completing a range of activities and tasks linked to the story
- Explore the book's setting and themes, and how they are relevant to our own experiences
- Investigate drama and playscripts
- Explore diaries and the characters that write them



We will continue with our Guided Reading book, *Featherlight* by Peter Bunzl.

Mathematical Learning

This half term we are looking decimal fractions.

We will be:

- Learning that one can be divided into 10 equal tenths, 100 equal hundredths, and 1000 equal thousandths
- Learning how to write numbers up to three decimal places (e.g. 2.3, 0.579)
- Adding and subtracting with decimals (e.g. $1.49 + 6.8$)
- Rounding decimals to the nearest whole number or nearest tenth
- Using decimals in different situations, including measurement
- Continue our work learning about multiplication and memorising times table facts



PSHE Learning

We will be focusing on the unit Health and Wellbeing in our PSHE lessons this half term. We will also be considering international events such as anti-bullying week.



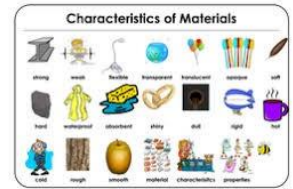
French Learning

This half term we will be working through the unit *Les Vêtements*, learning vocabulary to describe clothing.

Scientific Learning

This half term we will be continuing to look at Properties of Materials. We will learn:

- To explore changes in materials that happen with changes in temperature
- To analyse reversible and irreversible changes
- Mix different materials to discover what changes occur
- Conduct our own experiments on materials



Music Learning

We will be learning to sing and play in a group in different styles of music from all over the world. We will be learning about tempo: the speed of the beat.



Computing Learning

We looking at how to stay safe online, learning how to and improving our programming skills using the coding programme *Scratch*.



PE Learning

In our Outdoor PE lessons, we will be continuing to improve our ball skills and how these can be used in different invasion games. In Indoor PE lessons, we will be developing our skills in gymnastics.



Faith and Wonder Learning

We will be looking at our Incarnation unit for this half term and considering our big question: "Was Jesus the Messiah?"





How can you help?

Encourage your child to read regularly at home, both independently and to an adult.

- Lots of regular times table testing and quick maths skills following the instructions indicated on the home learning sheets. The faster the response, the better!
- Supporting your child with learning their spellings, discussing the meanings of words, putting them into sentences and reviewing spellings from previous weeks.
- All of this will be on the weekly home learning sheets.

Dates to be aware of for this half term:

- Wednesday 4th December – flu vaccinations in school
- Monday 9th December at 9.15am – Year 4, 5, 6 Christmas church service at St Margaret's Church
- Friday 13th December in PM – Rocksteady concert for participating children
- Monday 16th December – Chartwells Christmas lunch
- Wednesday 18th December 8.40am-9.15am – Parents/carers drop in for 'Create' project
- Wednesday 18th December – Carols in the Carpark
- Friday 20th December – Last day of term
- Monday 6th January 2025 – First day back

Further dates and information may come out from the office throughout the half term.



If you have any resources you are happy to loan to us or have any particular knowledge about any of our learning focuses, please let us know.

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