



ST LAURENCE CHURCH JUNIOR SCHOOL

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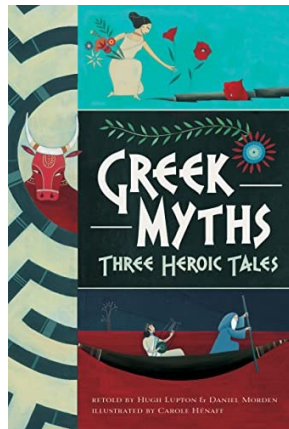
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Year 5 News

We can't believe that we are beginning our fourth half term, which means that your child is already half-way through their time in Year 5! This is a fun, event-filled half term that the children and staff enjoy enormously. Year 5 will be busy preparing their Easter production, hosting Lenten project days and visiting a Serbian Orthodox Church to name just a few of the things to look forward to.

English

This half term in English, the children will be linking their work to their topic of Greeks. We will be looking at the book "Greek Myths" by Hugh Lupton and Daniel Morton and focusing particularly on the story of Theseus and the Minotaur. The children will be exploring the language used and writer's craft as well as writing their own versions.



Maths

In our groups this half term, we will be continuing to work on our mental arithmetic skills. We will also be learning about perimeter and area, as well as statistics.

Easter Performance (Passion Play)

During this half term, we will be practicing for our Passion Play which parents are invited to come and watch. Please support children at home by encouraging and helping them learn their lines. More details will follow about the performances.

Lenten Project

This half term will see the launch of our Lenten Project. Year 5's Lenten activities will take place on the **2nd, 4th and 6th of March** (Monday, Wednesday and Friday). Ahead of these dates we would like to request any spare takeaway containers to be used towards mystery boxes. We do hope you are able to support this cause during what we know is a difficult time for many but remember, if we all do a little, it adds up to A LOT!

DIARY DATES

Y5 & 6 Ash Wednesday service:
Tuesday 24th February
13:45 (Parents Welcome)

World book day:
Thursday 5th March
(Welcome to wear pyjamas)

Year 5 Lenten Project dates
Monday 2nd March
Wednesday 4th March
Friday 6th March

Trip to Serbian Orthodox Church (more details to follow):
Tuesday 10th March

Disco:
Monday 16th March

Walkathon:
Friday 20th March

Y5 performance dates
Wednesday 25th March (PM)
Thursday 26th March (AM)

Parents Evening:
Tuesday 24th March and
Thursday 26th March

Easter service:
Tuesday 24th March
(Parents invited)

Break up for Easter:
Friday 27th March



curriculum

In **Art** the children will be looking at a unit based around architecture. We will look at different designs, featured artists and even have a go at designing some architecture ourselves.

Our **PSHE** unit of work this half term will focus on 'Healthy Me.' These lessons will cover the effect of smoking, alcohol, social behaviour as well as discussing body image. We will also look at what constitutes as a healthy choice.

In **Science** we will be revisiting Forces using our new CUSP Science format which has been universally well received by the children.

PE will continue to take place every week with an indoor and, where possible, an outdoor session. This term we will focus on volleyball and hockey.

In **RE** our focus will be on Salvation. We will also be linking this with our school value of forgiveness. The children will be learning about the connections between the Christian belief that Jesus' death was a sacrifice and how Christians celebrate Holy Communion/The Lord's Supper. We will also compare how communion is taken in different churches.

In **French** we will be looking at the language associated with the weather including how to read compass points.

Computing will focus on 'Stop motion animation' as part of our new Kapow! computing units. The children are already very excited at the prospect of showing off their animation skills!

Reading: Please continue to encourage your children to read at home. This is a key part of all learning. Please try to use the VIPERS question stems in your child's Reading Record to check their comprehension of what they are reading.

Reminder: *World Book Day Thursday 5th March 2026*

Spellings will continue to be based on CUSP curriculum with homework each week to consolidate class learning.

As always, if you ever need any help or have a question, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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