

# SUMMER NEWS



St Teresa's  
Catholic Primary School

## Events:

- Bank Holiday Monday School closed—5/5/25
- Art and DT Week: 19/5/25– 23/5/25
- Pilgrimage walk to St Hugh's Church—21/5/25
- School closes for the half-term—23/5/25
- School re-opens—2/6/25
- Trip to the Civil War Centre, Newark—5/6/25
- First Holy Communion Mass in School 9.30am—26/6/25
- Summer Fayre– 1.30–3.15 10/7/25
- End of year assembly–16/7/25 @9.15
- Class swap day 21/7/25 and 22/7/25
- KS2 Sports Day (1.15pm) 22/7/25
- School closes for summer 24/7/25

## DO THE LITTLE THINGS WELL.

### WELCOME BACK

We hope you had an enjoyable break with your families and are looking forward to our final term!

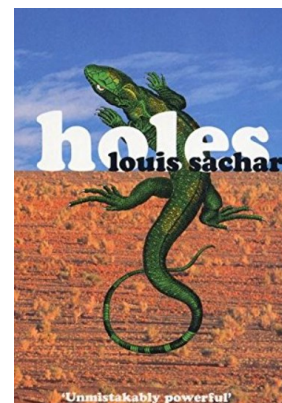
### R.E

The first RE topic of the Summer term is 'Transformation', where we will learn about the coming of the Holy Spirit and how this helps us to follow in the footsteps of Jesus.

We will also learn about Sikhism as part of Other Faith's Week.

### Literacy

This half term, we will be using *Holes* by Louis Sachar as our focus text. We will be concentrating on character and setting descriptions, as well as diary entries.



In the second half term, we will explore the second half of the *Holes* text. The movie is available free online so please do support your child's understanding and enjoyment of the text by watching snippets if possible.

We will be using a range of others books to engage and interest the children, it is so important that your child reads 20 pages every day to keep up with the Year 5 expectations. Thank you for your continued support in this, it does make a huge difference.

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## 'BUT WHAT ARE THEY REALLY DIGGING FOR?'

### Maths

At the start of this term, we will be covering shape, negative numbers and measurement. Please go on Mathletics and Rockstar Maths to support your times table knowledge! Frac-

tions are still a big part of the year 5 maths curriculum and children should continue to use Mathletics to focus particularly on this area.

## Homework

Homework will continue to be given out on a Friday and due in on the following Wednesday. If your child needs any extra support with their homework, please let the teacher know and they can support them with any misconceptions.

The homework set is directly linked to our work in class and it is very important that your child completes their homework on time.

## Reading

A huge well done to all of the children who completed a line or full-house in the Easter bingo reading challenge. Please continue to read 5 times a week and at length (20 pages). This helps build the reading stamina of the children and helps them to develop a wider vocabulary.



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## Topic

Our topic this term is Gunpowder, Treason and Plot. This looks into the Tudor and Stuart kings and queens, with a particular focus on Henry VIII and Elizabeth I. We will discuss their achievements, the challenges they faced and how their reign has shaped Britain through religion and exploration. We will also look into the Gunpowder Plot and how this is remembered today. Horrible Histories is excellent for this topic!

## Science

This term in Science, we will be studying two science topics. In 'Animals including humans' we will be looking at the human life cycle and how it is similar or different to the life cycle of other animals. In the second half term, we will look at 'Changes in Materials' and learn about the processes by which materials change state, and discover which processes are reversible or irreversible. This second topic will give us lots of chances for scientific experiments!

## **WHY SHOULD GUNPOWDER, TREASON AND PLOT NEVER BE FORGOTTEN?**

## PE

PE will be taking place **every Thursday**. Children should come into school in their PE kit on their PE day with a white T-shirt, black shorts or jogging bottoms, black trainers and their school jumper. PE is part of the National Curriculum and so it is important that every child takes part. If a child does not bring their kit into school, the school office will call parents to arrange a PE kit to be dropped off in school.



## RSHE and DART

This term, Year 5 will be receiving DART sessions, which will look at the impact of drugs, alcohol and tobacco. This links to our RSHE curriculum in supporting children to make informed decisions about their health and well-being.

May we thank you in advance for your support and we look forward to a very successful Summer term.

## Year 5 Team

Mr Dickie, Mr Swaby, Mrs Ryan and Mrs Sunley.

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