



The Marist Catholic Primary School

Meet the Teacher Year 5 – September 2016

Dear Parents of Year 5 children,

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome your child to Year 5 and we hope that they have settled in well to their new class. Year 5's topics this academic year are ***Invasion*** in the Autumn Term with our work being based around the history of the Anglo Saxons and Viking invaders, ***Travelling through Time and Space*** in Spring (based on the new Geography curriculum) and ***It's all Greek to me*** in the Summer Term – based on a mix of modern and Ancient Greek study.

The Year 5 teachers this year are Mr Evans in St Cecilia's class and Mrs Graham in St Joseph's class. The teaching assistant is Mrs Beck, who will be working across the two classes during the mornings. The children will also be taught French by Mme Harrison, Music by Mrs Mather and Games by Mr Arnold and Mr Mazzone.

Marist Learner

The Marist Learner is at the heart of all our learning. During each day, we will be reminding the children of what it means to be a Marist Learner and looking for examples of the attributes in practice. When discussing their learning, we expect the children to identify their strengths and the areas they wish or need to develop.

Safeguarding and communication

At The Marist, the safety of your child is paramount. E-safety is an integral part of our curriculum and we ask for your support in demonstrating responsible internet and social media use to our children: this includes awareness of privacy when sharing photographs online.

Keeping children safe means fostering an open channel of communication between home and school: if you have any concerns, we would request that you speak to your child's class teacher or another member of staff in the first instance. Please support all our children by refraining from discussing school matters in an open forum – in our experience, the best way to resolve any issues is by speaking to us.

English, Maths and Science

We will not mix the children for English, Maths and Science unlike previous years as there is no Year split; i.e. 6/5J last year.

Curriculum Webs

These are given out at the start of each half term and show the areas of work that will be covered in each subject for the half term. This term we have taken our History topic of 'Invasion' for the inspiration and focus for our learning. This means that wherever possible, we will make links between all our subjects, so that for example; this half term our Art work will focus on Viking Art.

Religious Education

Within Year 5 this term we will focus on three key themes; those of Domestic Church (Family), Baptism and Confirmation (Belonging) and Advent and Christmas (Loving). We will also be looking at Judasism as our Other Faiths week this term. In the summer term we shall focus on Islam.

Class Worship Dates

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| | Leading Whole School Worship 9 to 9.30 am in Hall |
| St Cecilia | Advent Mass Friday 16 th December |
| St Joseph | Whole School Harvest Mass Friday 4 th November |

Water bottles and Lunchboxes and Pencil cases!

Please make sure these items are clearly named and please note that one well stocked pencil case per child is sufficient! Children need to have the following items in their pencil case: two blue writing pens, two pencils, red pen, ruler, sharpener, colouring pencils and white board pen (optional). Please make sure the pencil case is not too full, in order that children can locate items easily during lessons.



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Games

All of Year 5 will have games with Mr Arnold or Mr Mazzone on a Tuesday morning. In addition both year 5 classes will have PE on a **Monday** afternoon.

Please ensure that all PE kit and uniform is clearly named and that each child has a change of socks. A note is required if your child cannot do PE. No jewellery should be worn for PE or during school.

PE kits should always be in school in a named drawstring bag. It should be taken home at weekends to be washed and brought back on Mondays. A spare carrier bag for dirty trainers is always useful. Girls will not be permitted to do Games/P.E wearing tights for hygiene and safety reasons.

Homework

Homework will generally be as follows:

(If your child cannot complete a piece of homework then a note from you is required please.)

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| Monday | -Spellings - Grammar or creative piece of writing (to be returned with a spelling test on Friday) -Reading record checked by the teacher |
| Tuesday | - Maths (online – my maths) weekly. Practise times tables, as required |
| Wednesday | -Reading |
| Thursday | -Reading |
| Friday | -Reading |

Times are approximate. As well as English and Maths, the children may receive research based topic homework, Science or RE. We encourage a love of reading and would appreciate if you could support this by hearing your child read, reading to them and asking questions about the reading. It is advised that children receive a good balance of fiction, non-fiction and poetry. Your child should try and read every evening. Please sign and make appropriate comments in the reading record book when you hear your child read.

Bikeability

Your child will be notified by letter giving details of the arrangements and dates.

EPR in the Summer Term

In the summer term the EPR will focus on Puberty and Adolescence. There will be a Parent Information Meeting for EPR in order to watch the programmes in preparation for this sensitive subject.

Classroom Helpers

Please let me know if you are available to hear children read or help in the classroom in other ways. Please also let us know if you have any skills you can share in class, in particular gardening, cooking and art skills. We would also be interested to know if you have a career in Science and would be willing to talk to us about your area of expertise. All parent helpers must now have a valid DBS check before working/helping with children. The school does not charge for volunteers however contributions are welcome. Please let the class teacher know if you are interested and then make an appointment with the Office to go through the paperwork. You will then have a brief meeting with Mrs Licence to run through our Partnership Agreement.

We hope that everyone has a happy and successful Year 5 and would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support.

During the course of the year, if anything crops up and you would like to meet with either one of us, please do catch us quickly at the end of the school day in the playground, if more time is needed, please make an appointment through the office.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Graham

Mr Evans