

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to a new term at Our Lady of Lourdes School! It is lovely to be all back together as a whole school family on the same site once again, and I know all of the children have been looking forward to getting back into our classroom. This letter is to give you an overview of what we are going to be covering this term in Class 5. Don't forget to check our Class 5 Blog to see what we are getting up to in Class 5!

PE Days

PE is an incredibly important of our curriculum: It not only helps with our physical fitness but taking part in exercise can help to support our mental health. To avoid the need to get changed in school and to make sure we can stay in our own classrooms (rather than having to change in different classrooms/areas of the school) **children will attend school in full PE kit on the days they have PE**. Class 5 will have PE on **Monday and Friday** and will need to come to school in PE kit on those days. As a reminder, school PE kit is a school jumper, the blue school PE top and blue shorts. Children can also wear tracksuit bottoms over their shorts. As PE lessons will be taking place outside, children should wear trainers rather than plimsols on PE days and I would advise that the children wear tracksuit bottoms due to the variable weather at this time of year.

Curriculum and Learning

Once again, we have an exciting term to look forward to in Class 5! In our history lessons we will be learning about our local area history and our community links to mining. Our geography lessons will focus on where our food comes from. In our science lessons we will start by looking at how humans change as we age, followed by life cycles of plants and animals. Our art lessons will focus on the work of TS Lowry as we work to create work in his unique style, and our DT lessons will look at designing a working mechanism! In our RE lessons this term, we will learn about "Transformation", focusing on the events of Pentecost. We will also learn about "Freedom and Responsibility" and "Stewardship", which discusses the idea that we are responsible for looking after our planet.

Children should be encouraged to use Reading Plus and Times Tables Rockstars each weeknight. A session on Reading Plus should be around 15 minutes, whilst Times Tables Rockstars can be kept to sessions of 10 minutes. This work will help to support the in-class learning of the children by providing focused learning intervention and a chance to cover key skills.

Once again, I am looking forward to working with yourselves and your children over the Summer Term.

Mr McPhail