**Year 5 Curriculum overview, Autumn Term 1**

Dear Year 5,

Welcome back to another exciting year at St Joseph’s. There are many things for us to do this half term and we are looking forward to enjoying these with you. We hope you all enjoyed your first day last week.

**Important reminder**

**PE kit must be worn to school on Mondays and Thursday. You do not need to send uniform in but please make sure you have correct PE kit and be mindful of the weather forecast on the day.**

In English, we will continue to follow the Write Stuff scheme of learning. First, we will be using the short story ‘Gorilla’ by Anthony Browne as our inspiration for sentence construction lessons leading into an independent writing task. We will then be using the film ‘The Martian’ as our inspiration for a further writing unit titled ‘Mars Transmission’. We will be expecting you to read to a parent or adult at least twice a week. Your parents should sign your Reading Record to say they have heard you read. As well as this we will be asking you to read independently and record this in your Reading Record, which we will be checking regularly. You will be given a set of spellings to learn each week. As well as this, you should focus on the spelling of your common exception words for years 1, 2, 3 and 4. These can be found on the Year 5 Class page.

In Maths, this half term, we will be focussing on place value and addition and subtraction. Times tables must be practised regularly to develop speed of recall. Weekly times table tests will be happening, but you will be focussing on improving your own score every single week.

Our Topic this term is The Victorians. Exploring, empathising and understanding will be the key skills which we will be developing throughout the topic. Get ready to learn about the nice and the not so nice aspects of Victorian life. We also have a trip to the Black Country Museum planned for the end of this half term, details to follow shortly.

Forces is our Science topic this half term. We will be pulling, pushing and dropping throughout this half term to really understand the physics behind forces.

Within our RE this half term, we will be gaining a better understanding of creating and exploring the miracle stories told by Jesus. If you have any prayers that you would like to share, please bring them in and we can add them to our class prayer book.

PE will be taking place as usual twice per week on a Monday and a Thursday. We will be covering swimming and invasion games.

This year, you will have two pieces of homework (not including spellings, times tables and reading tasks) per week. This will be a Maths task and an English task in your homework books, like last year. Sometimes, we might need you to research something connected to one of our topics and this will be in addition to your weekly Maths or English task. So, let’s have fun and begin our learning in a positive way!

Kind regards,

Miss Bateman and Mrs Masters