



Year 5 Newsletter – Spring Term 2022

Our Christian Value this half term is 'Trust'.

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are looking forward to a successful and enjoyable half term in school!

Topic – Our topic this half term is '**Do you believe in life after love?**'. We will be learning about tragic plays and poems, reading Romeo and Juliet and The Highwayman. We will look at the literary conventions of these works and the society that they were written about.

RE – Our key question is '**What difference does the resurrection make for Christians?**' We will be considering the importance of the Easter story for Christians and relating this back to our earlier work on the concept and the person of the Messiah.

Science – Our topic in science this half term is '**Earth and Space**'. We will be continuing to learn about astrophysics, including phases of the moon and how it's gravity affects Earth.

Celebrations – in our class we continue to use our **Recognition Board** (Mr P promises to get better at using his!). Each day we choose a quality that we want to look for in the children. These qualities often reflect our class rules of **Ready, Respectful and Safe**, or our characteristics of effective learning. Every time an adult sees a child showing the chosen quality during the day they write their name on the Recognition Board. Each week one child who always goes above and beyond with their behaviour, someone who always follows our class rules, will be chosen to attend **Hot Chocolate Friday** with the Senior Leaders.

Additionally, we will also acknowledge excellent work, effort or attitude through certificates which will be handed out to children on a Friday in weekly celebration worship. Children may also receive a note or phone call home to inform you of their successes in class.

Home time – Children will be dismissed at 3:15 on the main playground. If you are collecting your child, please meet us there. Children who leave school alone will be dismissed from the same place. If you wish for your child to walk home alone later on in the school year, please do contact us for a permission letter.

Attendance – Attendance and punctuality are very important to us and to the children too. It is essential that children are **at school on time** every day. Children should arrive by 8:55am ready to start their learning. Anyone arriving after the gate is closed should go to the main office to sign in. Please remember to let us know if someone different will be picking your child up from school.

School Shoes – please remember that school shoes need to be black.



Reading at Home – children are encouraged to read at home as often as possible. Research shows that children reading at home for even 10 minutes a day can have an enormous positive impact on children's academic achievement across the curriculum.

PE – Year 5 Opal will have PE lessons on **Tuesday afternoons** with Mr Kerr. On these days, children should come to school wearing their PE kit. This is a white t-shirt, black or navy shorts and a pair of pumps or trainers. Children can wear their school jumper or cardigan on top. Clothing with labels or slogans is to be avoided.

Homework – children will be set some homework each week on Education City. This will be available for the whole week and children can access at their (your!) convenience. If you have problems accessing the work, please let your class teacher know. We will recap with the children in class how to access the site. Additionally, spellings will be sent home every Friday based on our in class learning for children to practise.

Thank you for your continued support,

Year 5 Team