



# St. Wilfrid's Church of England Primary Academy

'I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.'  
Philippians 4:13



## Year 5 Spring Term Newsletter

Happy New Year! We hope you all had an enjoyable and peaceful Christmas.

### Our Curriculum: (Curriculum Overviews can be accessed on the school website)

**Mathematics:** This term we will be looking at the following areas:  
Mental and written multiplication and division including multiplying fractions. We will also study fractions, decimals and word problems, negative numbers, Roman Numerals, co-ordinates and graphs, geometry, reflection and translation.  
Children in Y5 should already know the times tables up to 12 x12 including the related division facts. This will be revised this term and tested regularly.

**English:** This term in English we will be looking at the theme of journeys through journey poetry and the novel 'Journey to the River Sea'. We will produce poems, information texts and narrative stories. We will also be continuing to work on spelling, handwriting, grammar and punctuation.

**Religious Education:** In RE, we are studying 'Jesus the Teacher' and 'Why do Christians believe that Easter is a celebration of victory?' We will look at how Jesus used Bible stories to teach and deliver important messages and look at the sacrifice God made by giving His only Son, Jesus Christ.

**Science:** Properties and changes in materials (reversible and irreversible changes). The children will learn that melting, boiling, freezing, solidification and evaporation are processes which involve a change of state and know which are reversible.

**Computing:** Our project this term is to investigate how systems work and how they are controlled. We will work extensively on Junior Control Insight creating virtual simulations of working rooms and buildings.

**Topic:** Our topic this term is Rivers. We will study the Water Cycle, formation of rivers and their various features. Additionally, we will look at some of the most famous rivers both in the UK and the wider world.

**Music:** Year 5 will be studying the Scottish Composer: Anna Meredith along with her piece 'Connect It', which was composed for the BBC Ten Pieces project.

**Physical Education:** Topics this term will include Sportshall Athletics followed by Gymnastics.

**Art and Design:** In Art we will be linking our work with the geography topic on Rivers to create a collage. We will be looking at the work of Monet as our main influence.

### Spring Term Focus Theme:

'Exhilarating Expeditions'

### Focus Reading Text:

'Journey to the River Sea' by Eva Ibbotson

### Recommended Websites:

[www.saintwilfrids.wigan.sch.uk/](http://www.saintwilfrids.wigan.sch.uk/)

<https://trockstars.com/>

<https://spellingframe.co.uk/>

### Twitter Accounts to follow:

@St\_Wilfrids\_CE @StWilfridsMusic @StWilfridsSport

@MissBanksClass @MrsLHughesClass @HEverettsClass

### Home Learning:

**Reading:** In order to be competent readers, children need to read regularly at home and school. Parents are asked to encourage their children to read regularly and to read for pleasure. We ask parents to sign and date reading diaries every time you hear your child read and ensure books are in school daily. Reading diaries will be checked in school and we expect a minimum of three entries/ comments a week. This is an ideal opportunity to question your child on their understanding of the text, to improve their comprehension skills and vocabulary. These books are intended as 'home' readers as the children read a separate text in their English lessons.

**Spellings.** A spelling list will be given to children every Monday. Children will be expected to learn these spellings throughout the week at home. They will have a spelling test on the following Monday.

**English Homework.** A piece of English homework will be given out every Monday and should be returned to school by the following Monday. This may be handed in before then.

**Maths Homework.** A piece of Maths homework will be given out every Friday and should be returned to school by the following Friday.

**Times Table Challenge:** Children will be given a half termly times table challenge, where they can achieve a range of awards.

**Topic Homework:** Children may also be given other types of homework during the course of the year.

### A message from the PTFA...

"We have had a fantastic Autumn Term and have raised lots of funds that our children will be able to take advantage of throughout the year. All of our Christmas events were very popular and the Christmas Fair saw it's highest profit to date. I would like to thank all parents and carers who have shown their support for all of our events, as well as school staff and the PTFA team for their continued commitment. We look forward to the next term of activities and events and would welcome new members to join us." Katie Ashcroft (Chair)



## Spring Term 2020 Diary Dates:

		Month						
		Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
Thursday 9th January	Year 5 Educational Visit to Cuerden Valley Park							
Friday 10th January	Wellbeing Themed Day—Humility							
Tuesday 11th February	Safer Internet Day							
Monday 13th January	Year 5 Educational Visit to Cuerden Valley Park							
Wednesday 15th January	Year 4 'Bright Sparks' Electricity Day							
Thursday 16th January	Year 4 'Bright Sparks' Electricity Day							
Tuesday 21st January	Year 3 Educational Visit to Liverpool World Museum							
Wednesday 22nd January	Year 2 Educational Visit to Manchester Science Museum							
Thursday 23rd January w/c 3rd February	Year 4 'Bright Sparks' Electricity Day Children's Mental Health Week 2020—Find Your Brave!							
Monday 3rd February	Year 5 Enrichment Experience to Chill Factor, Manchester (details to follow)							
4th—7th February	One Day Creation Online Safety Workshops to all classes							
Monday 10th February	Year 6 Educational Visit to Chester Zoo							
Friday 14th February	School closes for half term							
Monday 24th February	School reopens for Spring Term 2							
Monday 24th February	Year 6 Confirmation Service at St. Wilfrid's Church at 7pm							
Wednesday 26th February	KS2 Ash Wednesday Service at Church at 2.30pm							
Thursday 5th March	World Book Day—details to follow							
Thursday 12th March	Parents' Evening 6.00—8.00pm							
Tuesday 17th March	Parents' Evening 3.30—5.30pm							
Friday 20th March	KS1 Mothers' Day Service at Church 9.30am							
Friday 3rd April	Palm Praise Service at Church—KS1 9.30am and KS2 10.30am							
Friday 3rd April	School closes at end of day for Easter Holiday							



**Advance Notice (after Easter Holiday):** Friday 24th April—Easter Praise Service at Church KS1 9.30am and KS2 10.30am

## Additional Information:

**Playground Equipment and Games:** Children **are not** allowed to use any of the playground equipment or bring in balls to play with before and after school. Also, children are not permitted to use bikes or scooters on the school grounds. This is for health and safety reasons.

**PE:** PE lessons will take place on Wednesdays. Children will be expected to wear PE kit, consisting of a sky blue T-shirt, navy or black shorts and a pair of black pumps. These should be kept in a draw string bag. Please ensure that your child has the appropriate kit on their PE days.

**Swimming:** During the Spring Term, Year 5 will have swimming lessons on Fridays as part of the PE Curriculum. Children will be expected to bring a towel, swimwear (costume or trunks/shorts), goggles (optional) and a swimming cap (long hair only). These should be kept in a drawstring bag and all items should be labelled.

**Extra Curricular Activities:** During the Spring term, there will be a wide range of extra curricular activities for your child to attend. Letters will be sent out with information about how you can access these clubs.

**Handwriting Pens:** Teachers will issue a 'Pen Licence' if and when your child is ready to make the transition from pencil to pen.

**Parent Drop In:** Parent drop in sessions will take place every Tuesday during the Spring Term with Mrs Newman (Assistant Headteacher & Inclusion Manager) and Mrs Saggerson (Learning Mentor) for parents/ carers who require support on SEND and pastoral issues. The drop in will be from 9.00am –9.30am in the KS2 Library and access will be through the main doors of the Cedar Building. Please sign in at the school office first.

**Parking:** Please be reminded that parking on the school premises is for permit-holders only between 7am and 4.30pm.

## Reminders:

**Attendance and Punctuality:** Good attendance is crucial in your child's education. If your child is unwell and unable to attend school, please notify the office staff. School doors open at 8.50am. Registration commences at 8.55am and closes at 9.00am. Children arriving after 9.00am must report to the office before arriving at their classroom. Attendance certificates will be awarded for children with 100% attendance during the Spring Term and full year.

**School Uniform:** Please ensure that children wear the correct school uniform and look smart., which includes black shoes. We strongly encourage you to have your child's name clearly marked or labelled in all items of clothing. Please ensure that your child comes to school with a warm coat. We encourage hair accessories, such as hair bands and bobbles, to be consistent with the colour of the uniform e.g. sky blue, navy, grey or black.

**Water bottles:** Children are encouraged to drink **water** during the day to keep them hydrated. They may bring in a water bottle (preferably clear) with their name labelled on it. They should take it home regularly to be washed. Children can refill bottles in school .

**Snacks:** Children may bring in a snack of either **toast** or a **piece of fruit** for morning playtime. Other items such as cakes, biscuits, crackers, sweets, cereal or fruit bars **are not** permitted at playtime.

**Jewellery:** For health and safety reasons, children **are not** permitted to wear any jewellery, including earrings.



**Thank you for your support. We wish you a Happy New Year and look forward to an exciting term ahead!**

**Year 5 Team:**

**Teachers:** Miss Banks, Mrs Pearce, Mr Price, Mrs Hughes

**Teaching Assistants:** Mrs Atherton, Mrs Forrester, Miss Hyde, Mrs Stokes and Mrs Meadows

**Learning Mentor:** Mrs J Saggerson