

### ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM FEDERATION

## Year 5 Autumn 2 Newsletter 2022

#### Meet the Team



#### **Topic Overview & Key Text**



This term we will continue to use a text-based approach to our literacy and topic lessons. The first book that will lead our learning is **The Lost Happy Endings**.

"If it were not for Jub there would be no happy endings – none at all! But one night, on her way to make sure that every story told in the world ends well, Jub is caught by a wicked witch who steals all the happy endings..."

The children will also read Faery Tales, The Not Bad Animals, The Amazing World of Animals and Ocean Sky. They will read non-fiction books about Ancient Greece and learn to recite, write and enjoy different aspects of poetry.

#### Writing

Focussing on the wonderful language used by **Carol Ann Duffy**, the children will be creating their own Traditional tale with an alternative ending/twist.

The children will be expanding their knowledge of figurative language, for instance similes and metaphors, whilst developing a greater appreciation for the audience.

The children will also be gaining inspiration for their writing from their humanities subjects including modern and Ancient Greece.

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#### Maths

This term our main focus will be on multiplication & division. The children will learn a range of mental calculations as well as formal written methods. We will also begin to work on fractions.

#### Reading

Alongside the key text, we will focus on other texts linked to the topic in our daily reading lessons. The children will have a scheme reading book pitched at their own level and will have opportunities to choose their own <u>Reading for</u> <u>Pleasure</u> books, to share at home.

#### Homework

Homework will be set online (Seesaw) on a Friday and must be completed by the following Wednesday.

It will include spellings (tested on a Wednesday) and maths. Every child is also expected to read for at least 20-30 minutes each day at home. Please read with your child and remind them to make a comment in their reading record.

#### Year 5

We will be continuing with our thematic curriculum that creates meaningful links between the children's learning in English, science, humanities and creative arts with our key text as the main driver.

**RE:** Children will continue to explore the question: Why do people believe that God exists?

Science: Animals including humans/Life cycles

DT: Designing and making a catapult

Humanities: Ancient Greece

Music: Singing and preparation for performance

**PSHE:** Ways to improve our mental health

Computing: Coding

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# Year 5 Date & Routines

Mondays	Tuesdays	Wednesdays	Thursdays	Fridays
	PE – please bring correct kit: black shorts,	Homework completed		Homework set (on Seesaw)
	jogging bottoms or leggings; a school or plain PE top; a pair of trainers	Spelling test		Golden Time – 20 minutes of free choice time for children who have stayed green all week

School closes for the Christmas holiday on <u>Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2022</u> and reopens on <u>Wednesday 4th January 2023 at 8:40am</u>.

## Dates for your diary:

- > Friday 18th November 2022 Children in Need Day dress in spots!
- > Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2022 **Stockport Plaza Cinderella Pantomine**
- > Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2022 Christmas lunch and Christmas Jumper Day!