



**St Alfege
with St Peter's**
Church of England Primary School

Year 5 Class Newsletter Autumn Term 2026

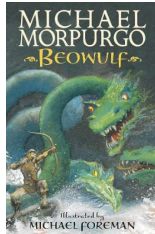
CLASS TEACHER: Jacob



Welcome to Year 5.
We have had a super start to the year. The children have shown great behaviour for learning.

English

This term in English our work will be based around the novel 'Beowulf' by Michael Morpurgo.



We will be writing a persuasive letter from Beowulf to King Hrothgar asking him for permission to fight the monster Grendel. We will also be writing our own action scene from the events in the story. Our focus will be on ensuring our writing is effective for the audience and purpose.

Maths

In Maths this term, we will be focusing on the place value of numbers up to 1,000,000, ensuring that children know what the value is of each digit in these numbers. We will then develop the children's addition and subtraction skills with numbers with more than four digits.

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Throughout Year 5, children will continue to reinforce their timetables knowledge using Times Table Rock Stars. Please encourage your child to access this online platform at home to maintain their rapid recall of these vital number facts.

Religious Education (RE)

In RE we will be learning about faithful and fearless women of faith. This will allow us to explore what it means to have fearless faith and the lives of biblical women and women throughout history who have displayed these qualities. In the second half of term we will be considering whether every Christian should go on a pilgrimage and how people of faith serve God and bring freedom and justice to others.



Science

This term in Science our topic will be 'Materials: Mixtures and separation'. Through scientific investigations and research, we will explore what a mixture is. We will encounter and investigate reversible changes through dissolving, filtering and evaporating.





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Geography and History

In History we will learn about the Benin Kingdom (900AD- 1500AD), thinking about the 5 warrior kings and why they were significant. We will also be learning about the political and social structures in the kingdom.



In Geography we will use a range of maps including atlases, globes and computer/digital mapping to locate and describe Greenwich.

Art and Design and Technology

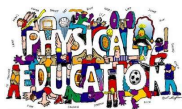
Our subject in Art will be Nature which the children will explore and express through sculpture. They will combine clay and natural materials to produce sculptures. In D&T, we will be working with textiles to create footwear.

Computing

In computing this term, children will develop their understanding of computer systems. We will be experimenting with search engines, and thinking about how they select results and rank results. We will also be looking at how to make an effective video before making our own.

Physical Education

Year 5 have PE twice a week. This takes place on Wednesday afternoon and Friday morning. This term we will be learning tag rugby.



PSHE

In PSHE this term we will be learning about our health: How we can support our mind and body as we grow. We will learn strategies to support our nutrition, fitness and mental health.

Music

Year 5 will begin the year by developing their skills on the ukulele- learning some chord and using different strumming patterns to improvise. Then later on, we'll be listening and doing some composing based on 'Make You Feel My Love'.

French

Our first topic is Me and My Friends which will build on the vocabulary learnt in Year 4 describing people. During the second half of term we will learn vocabulary and phrases about being in a city- again, this will build on previously learnt vocabulary.

Homework

Reading: The children will be bringing home a star reader book each day. They should read this book for at least 10 minutes every evening. Once they have finished the book, they will complete a quiz in school which will ask them questions about what they have read.

Maths: The children will be given Maths homework each Thursday. This should be handed in the following Monday. This homework consolidates the work we have done in school.

Spelling: Spelling homework is given out on Monday and should be handed in on Friday. The children will be tested on the spelling.

Educational Visits

West Greenwich Library – Thursday 17th September

Details of further educational visits to follow nearer the time.

We are looking forward to what we are sure will be a great year's learning.

We thank you all for your support.
Mr Hall