

ENGLISH: This term, English will be taught by Mrs Stanfield, with a focus on developing letter formation and handwriting. We will continue to foster a love of reading through independent reading, as well as whole-class Guided Reading sessions.

Our class book this term is *The Legend of Podkin One-Ear*, which will provide opportunities to explore vocabulary, characters and themes in greater depth. The children will also be studying the poem *The Highwayman*, delving deeper into its language, structure and meaning during our Guided Reading sessions. Spelling and grammar will be taught through weekly timetabled sessions, with opportunities to apply and reinforce these skills through our daily English work.

ART & DESIGN TECHNOLOGY: This term our focus will be on art and design. Using our sketch-books we will investigate the world of Typography. We will look at a range of artists and designers to gain an understanding and inspiration to enable us to create our own style of typography. This will culminate in the creation of a map using a variety of styles that will interest our audience.

FRENCH: The children will apply previous skills and knowledge of topic areas such as animals, homes and family to extend their conversation abilities. They will expand and consolidate their understanding of descriptive language, including subjective descriptions. They will also find out more about possessive adjectives and explain a family network in detail.

RE: This term our question is 'What does it mean if God is holy and loving?' During these sessions of discussion we will aim to explain the connections between biblical texts and Christian ideas of God, show how Christians put their beliefs into practice in worship and allow the children to develop insights of their own.

PE: Will be on Mondays and Thursday each week. The focus this term is on Football and Gymnastics.

Year 5

Autumn Term 1 *The Iron Age*



HISTORY & GEOGRAPHY: The Iron Age

Following on from the teaching of the Stone Age and Bronze Age in previous years, the Iron Age completes the series of Ancient Britain. During this course of lessons we will find out how iron shaped the country and what changes to settlements and ways of life were brought about because of it. We will look at evidence of local Iron Age hillforts, the Celtic beliefs and how their tribes were led.

MATHS: This term will be spent working on place value, numbers to one million, rounding, comparing and ordering, Roman numerals, decimals up to 2dp, rounding decimals, ordering and comparing decimals. This will be followed by addition and subtraction of 4 digit numbers with one or more exchanges and decimals. In all areas we will look to interleaf money, perimeter and shape.

SCIENCE: This term we will be looking at Forces. We will be learning more about friction, air resistance and gravity. Much of our work will centre around experiments and the processes that are used to be scientists.

COMPUTING:

We will be learning about computing systems and networks sharing information, identifying and exploring how information is shared between digital systems.

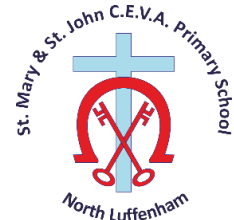
MUSIC: This term, music will be taught by Mrs Gamble. The children will be focusing on south and west African music. They will learn how to sing using the correct pronunciation and with increasing confidence, play a chord with two notes, remaining in time, maintain their part in a performance with accuracy. Play the more complicated rhythms in time and with rests and create an eight beat break and play this in the correct place.

St. Mary & St. John

Church Of England Voluntary Aided Primary School

North Luffenham, Rutland

Headteacher: Mrs Hannah Roddy



Friday 4th September 2026

Year 5 Autumn 1

Dear Parents, Carers and Guardians

Welcome back to another new school year. It has been so lovely to see the children return back to school fresh faced and ready to learn. I am really looking forward to teaching them this year, which I know will be full of fun, learning and memory making. I have included an overview of this term's areas of learning that we will be covering between now and half term.

Teachers and TAS

Throughout the week, Year 5 will be supported by some of our wonderful teaching assistants who will be there to help and encourage the children with their learning. These include **Miss Cutmore, Mrs Bennett and Mrs Calton**.

I, **Mrs Thornton**, will be teaching the children from Monday to Friday. On Monday afternoons, I will have my PPA time, so the children will be taught by **Mrs Bagral and Mrs Gamble**, who will be leading our **PE and Music** sessions.

PE kit

This term, PE will be on Mondays and Thursdays (Last minute change). Like before, please make sure you send your child in wearing the correct kit on each of these days. In the interest of safety, it is compulsory for pupils with hair shoulder length or longer to have it tied back off the face with clips or a band, this includes boys. All jewellery and watches must be removed, including earrings; if earrings cannot be removed, please supply medical tape as they must be taped during PE. The PE kit consists of: blue shorts/ skorts, blue t-shirt, long red socks, blue hoody and blue joggers and trainers, so please make a judgement of which one to send them in on the day based on the weather, and which sport they will be doing. Please label all the kit so any misplaced items can be reallocated swiftly. On Thursday's lessons we will join the Year 6 class for our football lessons. This will be taught by Mrs Bagral, Mrs Stanfield and me.

Class Dojo

We will be using Class Dojo as the main line of communication between the teaching staff and parents. Class updates will be posted as and when necessary to both celebrate pupils' work and keep you up to date with what we have been learning in the classroom. I do encourage you to look at the app on a daily basis so that you are kept informed and also have the opportunity to engage in your child's school day. Class Dojo 'points' will be given for positive learning and behaviour, which you will be able to track via the app. We will also be utilising the portfolios to view and submit any extra homework that your child may choose to do. Please do let me know if you have any queries around Class Dojo and I will be more than happy to help. Should you wish to discuss any items of a more formal nature then please use my email address nicola.thornton@northluffenham.rutland.sch.uk

Maths and English

Starting this term, it has been decided that I will teach Maths to both Year 5 and Year 6 each week, while Mrs Stanfield will teach all English lessons across both year groups. This arrangement has been put in place to reflect our respective leadership roles, with me as Maths Lead and Mrs Stanfield as English Lead across the school.

This approach will allow us to have greater oversight of our individual subject areas, ensuring consistency and progression across both year groups. It will also enable us to utilise our respective strengths and expertise, supporting the delivery of high-quality teaching and learning.

Homework

I will set homework on Fridays and the children will have a whole week to complete it. It will consist of a Mymaths task based on what we have learned that week, Spelling Frame, Times Table Rockstars and an optional extra Picture News task. I would also encourage your child to read daily to help them to continue their reading and comprehension skills. Please could you encourage them to log their reading on Boom Reader as often as they can.

We have had a brilliant start to the year and I am hoping it is a sign of it being the best year yet.

Kind Regards,

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Let your light shine Matthew 5:16

