



Holy Rosary

RC Primary School



Year 5 Parent Guide – Autumn Term

A snapshot of what your child will be learning this term

Our Pathways to Write Texts

Autumn 1



Young, Gifted and Black
by Jamia Wilson

Race to the Frozen North: The Matthew Henson Story
by Catherine Johnson

Children will explore inspiring lives, equality, resilience, courage and achievement through these powerful texts.

Writing outcome:
Recount: write a series of diary entries

Greater depth:
Series of diary entries including her viewpoint on other characters

Autumn 2



Beowulf

by Michael Morpurgo

Children will explore heroes, monsters, bravery, legend and adventure through this Anglo-Saxon tale.

Writing outcome:
Fiction: write a further adventure

Greater depth:
Invent their own monster and include motives and viewpoint

In English, children will also develop



expanded noun phrases



fronted adverbials



commas after fronted adverbials



commas to clarify meaning



relative clauses



organising paragraphs around a theme

Autumn Curriculum Overview



Science

- animals including humans – growth and development
- life cycle changes in animals and plants



Geography

- global place knowledge and map work linked to our texts



History

- How did the Ancient Greeks influence life today?
- 776BC–323BC



Art & Design

- Drawing
- Typography & Maps



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- Flood
- food from another culture, variety of cooking techniques



Maths

- place value
- addition and subtraction
- multiplication and division A
- fractions A

★ Year 5 maths focus: secure fluency, reasoning and problem solving across all areas.



RE / Personal Development

- respect, responsibility, positive relationships and belonging

How you can help at home



Read regularly and discuss key events, characters and ideas



Practise times tables and quick number facts little and often



Encourage your child to talk in full sentences and explain their thinking



Talk about inspiring people, world locations and ancient history



Support spelling, vocabulary and diary-style writing at home

Our school values

Faith • Love • Joy • Committed • Belong

Thank you for supporting your child's learning at home.



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Page 2: Helping Your Child at Home

Simple weekly ideas, useful links and resources to support learning at home



Year 5 home-learning focus: keep reading every day, build confidence with times tables and related division facts, strengthen number fluency, practise spelling and vocabulary, and encourage children to explain their thinking clearly.



Our weekly home-learning routine

1



Read together for 10–15 minutes each day

2



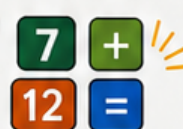
Practise spellings, vocabulary and reading aloud little and often

3



Encourage your child to explain their ideas in full sentences

4



Practise times tables, related division facts and quick mental maths

5



Talk about inspiring people, history, science and the wider world

Autumn 1 – Weekly learning and parent activities

Week 1



Learning:
Young, Gifted and Black

Try this at home:
Talk about an inspiring person and write 3 facts about why they are important.

Week 2



Learning:
Race to the Frozen North and diary writing

Try this at home:
Write a short diary entry in role, describing a challenge or adventure.

Week 3



Learning:
Animals including humans

Try this at home:
Create a simple timeline of how humans grow and change over time.

Week 4



Learning:
Ancient Greeks

Try this at home:
Research a Greek god, hero or achievement and make a fact card.

Week 5



Learning:
Food from another culture

Try this at home:
Explore foods from another culture and design a healthy meal or menu.

Week 6



Learning:
Place value and addition

Try this at home:
Make large numbers, compare them, round them and practise quick mental addition.

Autumn 2 – Weekly learning and parent activities

Week 1



Learning:
Beowulf

Try this at home:
Retell the story and describe the hero, the monster and the setting.

Week 2



Learning:
Further adventure writing

Try this at home:
Invent a monster and orally rehearse a new adventure chapter.

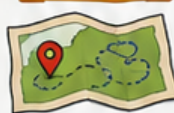
Week 3



Learning:
Life cycles in animals and plants

Try this at home:
Compare two life cycles and label the stages clearly.

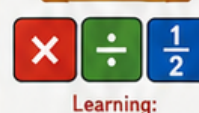
Week 4



Learning:
Typography and maps

Try this at home:
Design a title poster or draw a map linked to our learning.

Week 5



Learning:
Multiplication, division and fractions

Try this at home:
Use equal groups, factors and simple fractions of amounts to solve quick questions.

Week 6



Learning:
Review and secure recall

Try this at home:
Play a short quiz using times facts, number facts, spellings and autumn topic knowledge.

Useful websites and resources



Oxford Owl
home.oxfordowl.co.uk
reading and comprehension support



TT Rock Stars
play.ttrockstars.com
multiplication practice



Topmarks
topmarks.co.uk
Hit the Button and maths games



NRICH
nrich.maths.org
reasoning and challenge tasks



BookTrust
booktrust.org.uk
reading recommendations



SpellingFrame
spellingframe.co.uk
spelling and grammar practice



Please speak to school if you would like more ideas or extra support at home.



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