



St Mary Abbots School

## Class 5 Curriculum Newsletter – Autumn 1

Dear Class 5,

I hope that you are all feeling well rested and ready for what I'm certain will be a tremendous first term in year 5. Our topic, Dynamic Dynasties will lead us to explore all sorts of exciting new learning.

Not only will we be travelling back in time, we will also be traversing across the world to uncover what life was like in the Shang Dynasty. In Science, we are going to be learning about forces and mechanisms, focusing on gravity and its importance for life on Earth.

In English, We'll be exploring some fascinating narratives to inform our writing and help us better understand our history topic, Dynamic Dynasties. We will be using; **Usborne Illustrated Stories from China** and **Willow Pattern Story** to begin with.

I look forward to a busy year full of new learning experiences with class 5!

\*More information about any RSE content to follow shortly

Best wishes,  
Miss Jones

### Homework Notice!

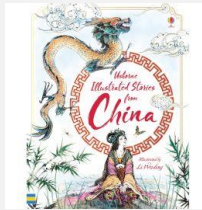
Homework will be set every Monday and handed in every Friday.

#### Maths



In Maths this half term, we will be exploring place value in numbers up to 1,000,000. We will also explore a range of methods to add and subtract with numbers up to 1,000,000, with explaining our thinking being a key focus.

#### English



In English this half term, we will be exploring traditional tales from China, linked to our History topic Dynamic Dynasties. We will be retelling stories, writing our own traditional Chinese tales and creating fact files about the Chinese Zodiac amongst many other things.

### Our Curriculum Topics

#### Science

Forces and Mechanisms

#### History

Dynamic Dynasties

#### Religious Education

Miracles

#### Music

#### Physical Education

Tag Rugby

#### Art & DT

Tints, Tones and Shades

#### PSHE

Me & My Relationships\*

#### Computing

Online Safety and Coding

#### Key Information

- PE lessons take place every **Wednesday**. Please ensure children have their kits.
- Reading Record Cards need to be brought into school every day.
- Children will visit the Studium fortnightly to select new books.
- Homework is set on a **Monday** and due on **Friday**.

The Christian value for this half term is:

## Friendship