**Year 5 Spring 2 Newsletter.**

 In **RE** we will be continuing with our “Come and See” scheme of work and we will be focusing on ‘Memorial Sacrifice’. We will discuss how we can better ourselves during Lent and learn the importance of Easter.

**** In **English** we will be looking at ‘Little People, Big Dreams – David Attenborough’ and learning to write biographies. We also be looking at ‘The Lorax’ by Dr Seuss, the Lorax is a timeless classic that has been using humour and rhyme to raise awareness of the destruction of the environment for more than fifty years. We will be using this text to write debates and poetry.

Our **Topic** lessons this half term will encompass both Geography and History as we delve into the worlds of Mayan civilisations. We will be looking at the location, culture and importance of the Mayans.

In **Mathematics** this half term, we will continue to look at fractions, decimals and percentages and learn how to convert them from one to the other. We will then look at finding the area and perimeter of rectilinear and compound shapes. Finally we will be learn to read, draw and interpret graphs and tables.

In **Art and DT**, we will be learning to generate, develop, model and communicate our ideas through discussion and annotated sketches. We will also be learning to select from and use, a wider range of materials when creating Mayan Day of the Dead masks and Mayan temples.

**Spelling.**

Spellings will be uploaded onto **Spelling Shed** on a weekly basis and will be tested on a Friday.

Please ensure your child practises at home. Spelling is a vital part of learning to become a competent writer. It is a very important life skill that we value highly here at St Joseph’s so please support your child with this and encourage them to learn their spellings each week.

**Reading-** is one of our priorities in school, and our aim is to instil a passion for reading in our pupils. Reading books will be sent home and changed as necessary. Please ensure your child has their reading book and diary with them every day. To support us with this, it would be beneficial to read with your child for around 10-15 minutes per night.

Children will also receive Maths homework on the MyMaths website, which children have individual logins for.

Children have also been given their own login to Times Table Rockstars. Please encourage your child to practice their times table knowledge.

**P.E. in Year 5.**

Class 11 PE is on Tuesdays and Fridays

Class 12 PE is on Tuesdays and Thursdays

Please ensure your child comes to school in their PE kit on these days. During the cold weather months children are able to wear suitable outdoor sports clothing for PE (Long tracksuit pants and jumper)

We hope that your children have an exciting and enjoyable time with us this half term and that they are filled with enthusiasm for their learning. We are looking forward seeing the children grow, develop and progress in their learning.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Franklin and Mrs Gore.