

Dear Parent(s) / Guardian(s),

Welcome to Saint Teresa's Class! Hope you've all had a wonderful summer and are looking forward to the exciting year ahead of us. If you don't already know, my name is Miss Crisp and I am the Year 5 Teacher. We also have Mrs Ferris here in our class to help us in our journey throughout the year. We both very much look forward to helping your child excel and reach their full potential and welcome any communication from you.

Our first term at a glance involves lots of learning in relation to 'Planet Earth'! We are also incorporating this theme within our Literacy journey – which will incorporate persuasive writing and finding tales. Children are more than welcome to bring in any books or resources from home based around the topic... but please make sure these are clearly named or labelled.

Week to week a few things will be the same within our class. Here is a breakdown of the important things parents need to know on a day to day basis:

- Saint Teresa's **homework** will be set on a Friday, this will include:
 - Spellings (green book) – These will need to be practised at home ready for a test every Thursday.
 - Grammar, maths, reading or topic based work.

This all needs to be completed and handed back in on the following Wednesday.

- **PE** will take place on a Friday afternoon, please ensure school kit is in school. This includes trainers, a house colour top and navy/black shorts.
- **Outdoor Learning** will also take place on a Friday, please ensure waterproof clothing and a pair of wellies are in school for this.
- **Reading at home** is a real passion of mine. I would love all of the children within Saint Teresa's class to read 5 times per week to an adult outside of school. You are able to document this in the children's yellow reading diaries, whereby both myself and Mrs Ferris will keep a close eye (Monday-Monday) and any children fulfilling this task will be rewarded with a stamp towards their reading awards. ☺

Please do not hesitate to contact me throughout the year. As always, I will be available on the playground every day after school or you can make an appointment if needed. I am looking forward to another exciting school year and cannot wait to share this with all of the children!

Regards,

Miss Crisp

PLANET EARTH

Saint Teresa's Class Topic Web - Autumn Term 1

Numeracy

Numbers and Place Value
Decimals (Place Value)

Literacy

Persuasive Writing - Using our new knowledge of different animals and the challenges they face from us humans.

Finding Tales – Incorporating a discovery of something beautiful from God's Creation.

RE

Creation: Within this unit we will be exploring the differing parts of the bible. Alongside developing our understanding of the creation stories, making links between these stories and some key Catholic beliefs.

Computing

Within our computing lessons this term, we are going to share our experiences, new learning and opinions through being bloggers! *Keep an eye on our class blog page for some extracts!*

French

Across our French sessions, we are going to be learning all about directions and asking where places are.

Theme Related – Planet Earth

Our new and exciting curriculum incorporates a whole host of cross-curricular links, within this unit (Planet Earth) we are going to be **scientists** and **geographers** as we explore our beautiful planet and the animals that live upon it!

When acting as **scientists**, we will be discovering an array of new facts all about mammals, insects, amphibians and birds – uncovering their lifecycles, differences and similarities.

As **geographers**, we will delve into atlases, developing our knowledge of grid references, latitude, longitude, hemispheres and the tropics. What's more we will be uncovering how a variety of locations around the world are changing. Whilst also looking at physical features and geographical diversity across the globe!

