P.E

This term, we have P.E lessons on **Wednesday** and **Friday**. Thursday sessions will be taught by Mr. Baker and Friday P.E sessions will be with Miss Sweeney. Please make sure that your child **wears** the correct P.E kit on these days (no jewellery and long hair tied back). If your child is unable to participate in a P.E lesson, please send a note giving reasons. Should the correct PE kit not be worn, children will have to wear shared PE kit from the school stock.

Reading

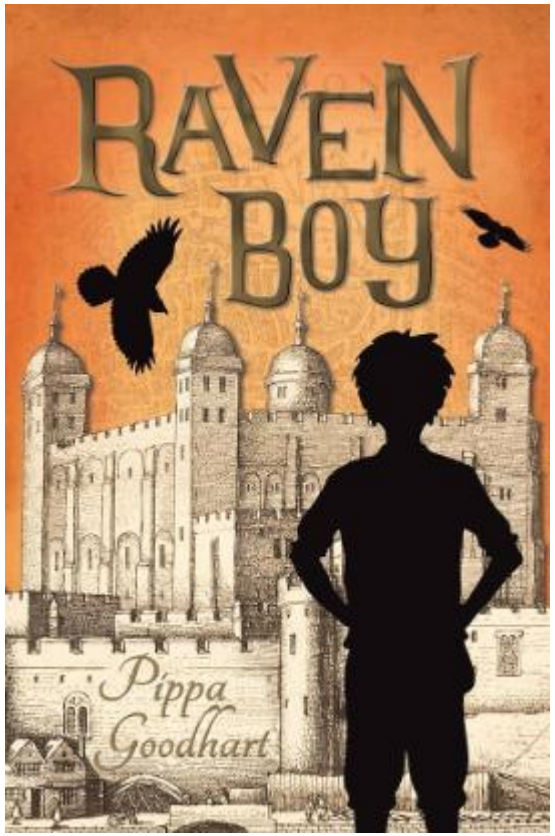
Children should choose a book from the class library to read at home every night. It is important that your child has the opportunity to read at home every day. When your child reads, please ensure they record their progress and fill out a log book that will allow both teachers and parents to monitor your child's reading. These books should be brought into class **every day** to be checked by the teacher. Keeping up with reading at a high level is a sure way of developing literacy skills and expanding vocabulary knowledge. The focus on daily reading will continue throughout the year.

Homework

In Key Stage 2 children are given the opportunity to complete Genius Work for homework. Each half term the children can complete a project about something that they are interested in (it is not compulsory). They can choose anything they like, from cooking to photography, as long as it is something that they are passionate about. The children will be asked each week how they are getting on with their project and will have the opportunity to present their project to the class at the end of the half term. To accompany this, the children will receive a weekly list of spellings, grammar, maths and reading comprehensions. These will be handed out on a Friday. No homework will be marked.

Class 5 Newsletter

Autumn Term 2



Welcome back to another half-term at St Gabriel's. We hope you enjoyed the break and are eager to hit the ground running again. The first half-term was a great start to the year. The children have worked well to develop good working habits and consistent routines. We will expect this to continue for the remainder of the year and would like to thank you all for the support that you have provided already in making sure that your child is reading every day, is working on extra tasks at home and arrives at school on time every morning dressed in full school uniform.

We would like to take this opportunity in advance, to thank parents for their support. St Gabriel's has very high expectations of every single child in Class 5. We are confident that our high expectations ensure every child reaches their potential. We are committed to ensuring your child is supported in achieving their best and so if you have any concerns or questions please feel free to arrange a time to meet with us either before or after school.

Miss Sweeney and Mr Nunn

This term:

Maths: To start the term in Mathematics, we will be starting with multiplication and division and then working our way through Fractions,

Literacy: This term in Literacy we will be reading 'Raven Boy' by Pippa Goodhart. The class will explore the main ideas and concepts of the text before completing a range of forms that relate directly to it including narrative, newspaper articles and letters. These different forms will allow the children to discuss different viewpoints as well as consolidating their understanding and use of grammatical features that include modal verbs, relative clauses and consistent use of tenses.

Science: Our Science topic this term is 'Material World' where we will use and range of enquiry methods to investigate the properties of different materials as well as the process of changing materials.

Humanities: Our history this term is all about the Plague. The children have already had a start with some of the history based on the text we used in literacy last half term. We will also locate the world's countries, using maps to focus on Europe, North and South America, concentrating on their environmental regions, key physical and human characteristics, and countries.

Religion: To begin with, in Religion we will be studying Christianity, focusing on the meaning of 'Wisdom' and the role this plays in different religions. We will then explore how we can learn about the true meaning of Christmas through Christian art and music.

DT: We will be learning about electrical systems, identifying circuit components and assembling a doodler in groups, with a focus on design, configuration, movement and function.

Computing: We will be learning about the importance of keeping safe online and how to use Spreadsheets.

PE: This term we will be working on net and wall games as well as circuits to help improve our fitness.

MFL: This term we will be learning the essential Spanish sound patterns / phonemes as well as saying the date.

PSHE: We will be discussing first aid, changes in friendships and the different kinds of friends we make as well as dealing with hurtful behaviours experienced or witnessed offline and online.

Music: This term our Class will be singing a broad range of songs from an extended repertoire with a sense of ensemble and performance. This will include singing three part rounds, partner songs and songs with a verse and chorus.