



Weekly Home Learning Timetable  
Year 5 Week Beginning 20.4.20

Monday		
English	Maths  xx	Topic
Tuesday		
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Wednesday		
<b>English</b> <b>Home learning focus</b> To understand similes and metaphors. <a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zkygrj6">https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zkygrj6</a>	<b>Maths</b> <b>Home learning focus</b> Learn about negative numbers and how they can be identified. <a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/z4kwjvh">https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/z4kwjvh</a>	<b>French</b> <b>Houses and Homes</b> <a href="http://www.nicurriculum.org.uk/pl/">http://www.nicurriculum.org.uk/pl/</a> 
Please work through the structured lesson and activities. Use your home workbook to complete the activities. Use a dictionary to check any words.	Please work through the structured lesson and activities. Use your home workbook to complete the activities.	Stories Rhymes Word banks Activities
Thursday		
Today is St George's Day.  <b>Warm up</b>  Talk to an adult about what you already know about St George.  <b>Main lesson</b>  Have a go at the St George's Day comprehension in the resources section at the end 	<b>Home learning focus</b> Learn how to add and subtract numbers in different ways and find out about five and six-digit place value. <a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zfdpnrnd">https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zfdpnrnd</a>  Please work through the structured lesson and activities. Use your home workbook to complete the activities.	<b>Topic</b> See what else you can find out about St George and St George's Day. You may wish to find out more about how it is celebrated.  Present the information you find out in your chosen way e.g. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Poster or Leaflet</li> <li>• Fact file</li> </ul>
Friday		
<b>Home learning focus</b> To understand and use alliteration. <a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zf3492p">https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zf3492p</a> Please work through the structured lesson and activities. Use your home workbook to complete the activities. Use a dictionary to check any words.	<b>Home learning focus</b> Learn how to solve addition and subtraction word problems. <a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/z429kmn">https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/z429kmn</a>  Please work through the structured lesson and activities. Use your home workbook to complete the activities.	<b>Topic</b> Have a go at completing a piece of art work linked to your learning about St George, e.g. a painting depicting the story. There are some good ideas if you follow this link. <a href="https://www.activityvillage.co.uk/st-georges-day-crafts">https://www.activityvillage.co.uk/st-georges-day-crafts</a> Take a photo of your finished piece if you wish.

## Other activities for the week

- Plan and make lunch for someone in your family.
- On your daily outdoor exercise, see how many different species of birds you spot. Which ones can you name?
- Write a review of a favourite film or television programme that you have watched.

# St George's Day

## Patron Saints

Patron saints are chosen to be special protectors for different areas of life. There are many patron saints, who are guardians of lots of different things. England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales each have their own patron saint, who is guardian and protector of that nation. Each patron saint has their own day named after



them. The patron saint of England is Saint George and St George's Day is celebrated on 23rd April every year. The symbol of Saint George is a red cross on a white background. This is also the flag of England and is a part of the flag of Great Britain. Saint George's symbol was adopted by Richard the Lionheart in the 12th century. The king's soldiers wore it on their tunics during battle.

## The Legend of Saint George

There is a famous legend about Saint George slaying a dragon to rescue a princess. This is probably the most famous story about Saint George. During the Middle Ages (5th - 15th century), dragons were often used to symbolise the devil. The story says that Saint George travelled around the world for many years until he came to a country called Libya. He met a man, who told him that the country was in danger from a dragon. The dragon was killing young girls and the King was worried because his daughter was next to be killed. According to the legend, Saint George wanted to save the princess and fought the dragon, slaying it and ending the danger.

## Who Was the Real Saint George?

The real Saint George was actually a soldier. Although he is the patron saint of England and is connected with English values, he was not actually English. It is also thought that he may never have even visited England! He is thought to have been born in the year AD 270 in Cappadocia, which is now Eastern Turkey.



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He and his family were Christian and lived their lives following Christian values. When he was 17, he joined the Roman army.

The emperor at the time began to persecute Christian people and Saint George often pleaded with the emperor to stop this persecution. He is considered to be extremely brave because even though he was tortured, he refused to deny his faith. Sadly, he was beheaded near Lydda in Palestine on 23rd April in AD303. The 23rd April was named St George's Day in 1222 and became a national feast day in 1415.



### **Celebrating St George's Day**

Many people wear a red rose, England's national flower, to recognise Saint George's Day.

In some parts of the country, there are festivals where people dress up and stage 'dragon-slaying' events! However, many people do not celebrate Saint George's Day - there are a lot of people trying to get the day recognised as a national holiday.

### **Interesting Facts**

Saint Edmund the Martyr was the original patron saint of England. He was replaced by Saint George in the 14th century.

Many patron saints' days are national holidays, for example, St Patrick's Day in Ireland and St Andrew's Day in Scotland. However in England, St George's Day is a normal working day.

Saint George is also the patron saint of scouts, soldiers, archers and farmers. There are church services for scout troops across the country on 23rd April to celebrate Saint George.

# Questions

1. What is a patron saint and why are they celebrated?

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2. Why was Saint George put in prison?

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3. Why is 23rd April named as St George's Day?

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4. Why was the king of Libya worried?

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5. Who was the original patron saint of England?

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6. Why is it unusual that Saint George became the patron saint of England?

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7. Why do you think this legend of Saint George slaying the Dragon has been created and told for centuries?

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8. The emperor at the time was a pagan. What do you think this means and why

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## Challenge

Can you find out which other things/places Saint George is patron saint of? There are a few!