



# Year 5 Newsletter



Dear Parents,

Welcome to Year 5! We hope you have all managed to have a well deserved rest over the Summer holidays. We are thrilled to have the opportunity to teach your children again after our time was cut short in Year 2! The children have made an excellent start to the school year and we know that it is going to be a great year ahead. As always, if you would like to speak to us we will be at the door at the start and end of the day or you can make an appointment at the school office.

## STAFFING

Class teachers this year are Miss Nuttall (5LN) and Mrs Willers (5SW). We are lucky to have Mrs Lever and Mrs Maxfield as the teaching assistants in 5LN and Mrs Roxburgh in 5SW. Miss O'Sullivan will be covering each class every other Tuesday.

## OUR LEARNING DURING THE AUTUMN TERM

**As scientists** we will be learning about the force of gravity and researching the Italian astronomer Galileo. We will also be entering the wonderful world of space—thinking about the movement of Earth, other planets, the moon and how day and night occurs.

**As historians** we will be studying the Ancient Greeks. In particular we will be considering the life of a Greek in ancient times, their achievements and the influences they have had on the western world.

**As geographers** we will be studying the location of countries around the world whilst considering their; environmental regions, human and physical features and major cities. As part of our physical geography we will be learning about climate zones, biomes and vegetation belts.

**As product designers** we will be introducing the children to electrical systems. We will explore how electrical circuits can be adapted to create an electrical greetings card.

**As artists** we will be investigating the built environment through drawing and print making whilst learning about the work of architects.

**As computer programmers** we will be refreshing our knowledge about how to work and be safe online whilst also becoming coders.

**As musicians** we will be studying the music styles of jazz and rock.

**As a theologian** we will be studying Christianity and considering the questions - How do people decide what to believe? And why is it sometimes difficult to do the right thing?

**As linguists** we will be learning how to say the date in French including; days of the week, months of the year, numbers 1— 31 and being able to say when our birthday is.

## MATHEMATICS

We will be covering a wide range of mathematics this term including place value, addition, subtraction, multiplication, division and fractions. We will also be practicing our times tables and arithmetic skills daily.

## ENGLISH

We will be using the book: 'Where we once stood' to help us write an exploration narrative and a formal report. We will also be using the book: 'FARThER' to help us write setting descriptions and letters. In our SPAG sessions we will be focusing on inverted commas, modal verbs and using dashes and commas to indicate parenthesis

Spelling will be in the form of learning spelling rules, finding words to fit those rules and finding definitions of words.



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## READING

Your child should be reading daily at home. We encourage them to recording all texts they read (not just reading books) in their reading records so we can discuss these with the children. We also encourage your child to read a range of texts; fiction, non-fiction and poetry. When listening to your child read please make sure that they fully understand the text and question them throughout in order for them to gain a deep understanding. Reading books will be changed on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday although they should be brought into school every day, even if they do not need changing, as they may be required to read with a member of staff.

## HOMEWORK

On Fridays Year 5 children will be set homework on the learning platform 'SeeSaw'. The children will have received their code at the beginning of the year. If you have not received these, please let us know.

One piece of weekly homework will relate to our Topic, English or Maths work. This should be completed and submitted by the following Thursday so that we can discuss it with the children.

The children will receive spellings to learn every Monday for a test on a Friday.

## PE

PE for Year 5 will take place on Mondays. This term we will be refining our multi skills, learning how to play tag rugby and having some relaxation time in our yoga sessions. All children must arrive at school in a complete PE kit and trainers are allowed to be worn. Your child should have their hair tied back if it is long and they should come into school without earrings on PE days. If earrings cannot be taken out for any reason can you please make sure they bring tape in to cover them up. If it's raining, they may wish to come in normal school shoes and put their PE trainers in their bag.

## SNACKS AND DRINKS

Please can we remind you that children are allowed to bring in a **healthy** snack to eat during morning play (separate from their packed lunch). Please may we remind you that our school is a nut free school.

All children need to bring in a plastic bottle containing water to keep in class so that they can drink from it during the day.

## GOING HOME ARRANGEMENTS

As the children enter Upper Key Stage 2 some parents decide that it is time to allow their child to meet younger siblings at the end of the day, meet older family members at the school gate or start to walk home. If this is the case please can you let either the Class Teacher or School Office know as your child will not be allowed to leave the classroom unless alternative arrangements have been communicated.