

Dear Parent (s)/Carer (s),

Welcome back to school after what I hope has been an enjoyable and restful break. We are all excited for the coming year, especially completing some of the activities on the All Souls' 101 pledge! Mrs Atwal and I are looking forward to supporting the children and anticipate an excellent year ahead.



### **Year 5 Expectations**

As the children have made the move into upper Key Stage 2, there is an increase in the expectations in Year 5. This is an important year for them to develop in confidence; both in the curriculum and wider school life. I am confident that this class is capable of rising to the challenges set out for them.

At the top end of the school, we expect Year 5 children to begin to set an example and act as role models for those children in younger year groups. The children will be expected to work hard and concentrate fully during lessons to achieve their best potential. We ask that all children take pride in their work and work to the best of their ability.

### **Reading**

We dedicate time at school to reading both independently with a choice of book from the class reading corner, and as a class, reading our class book 'Street Child'. In addition to this, it is expected that children should read five times a week at home and record this in their reading record. Books can be read independently but children should read to an adult at home at least once per week where possible; it is important for children to have the opportunity to be heard aloud to build their reading confidence. Reading Records will be checked on a Monday and this is the day that reading books can be changed.

## Autumn Term Curriculum

<b>English</b>	In English, we will begin the term by writing biographies of Queen Victoria. To help us, we will look at cohesive devices in Grammar and Punctuation. On top of this we will have regular reading, handwriting and spelling lessons.
<b>Maths</b>	Our focus in Maths is Number Sense. We will be comparing and rounding numbers, interpreting negative numbers and reading Roman numerals.
<b>RE</b>	Our first topic in RE is 'Creation'.
<b>Science</b>	Our Science topic is 'Life Cycles'. We will start by describing the differences in the life cycles of a mammal, an amphibian, an insect and a bird.
<b>PE</b>	PE will take place on a Monday with Ms Piercy and a Thursday with Mr Youson. Please remember to bring PE kit on these days.
<b>History</b>	Our topic in History is 'The Victorians'. We will learn all about the reign of Queen Victoria, what it was like to live in the British Empire during that time and some of the major changes that happened in the Victorian era.
<b>Art</b>	In Art with Miss Quinn, the children will study the work of Henri Rousseau and his rainforest inspiration.

## Term Dates

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup>- Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October – **Half Term**

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> December – Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January – **Christmas Break**

\*Please use our school website to keep up to date with other dates for your diary\*

I look forward to speaking with you at our virtual open evening in October. If you have any questions or concerns in the meantime, please send me an email: [aimee.piercy@allsoulsschool.co.uk](mailto:aimee.piercy@allsoulsschool.co.uk) .

Many Thanks,

**Ms Piercy**

*Year 5 class teacher*

**Mrs Atwal**

*Year 5 teaching assistant*