



Welcome to Year 5 Spring



Dear Parents and carers,

We are very proud of how much progress the children have made so far in Year 5. The children all work incredibly hard and should be praised for their positivity, hard work and determination. It is clear to see that the children will make a wonderful Year 6 and will continue throughout this term to prepare for this. It is lovely now to move into the summer term where we will study some fascinating topics. If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you, Mr Sherrington, Mr Barber, Miss Coleman & Miss Wardell

<p style="text-align: center;">Maths</p> <p>The children love daily Maths lessons and rise to the challenge of timed tests. Times tables and mental arithmetic will be practised daily to improve our rapid recall skills. In Year 5 we expect children to know all their times tables. Weekly 'times tables tests' will be completed on a Friday. Please support your child in learning all of their times tables –you could quiz them on the way to and from school! Maths homework will be set every week on a Friday. The main areas we will cover this term are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Decimals ● Position ● Volume ● Shape 	<p style="text-align: center;">English</p> <p>This term, our English will be linked to a variety of texts including a newspaper report about the Colin versus Cuthbert court case and Oliver Twist. We will also try to rewrite a newspaper article about something topical at the time of that genre. The other writing genres we will be looking at are setting descriptions, discussion, and instructions.</p> <p>In our reading sessions, we will practise comprehension skills to help our understanding of a text. Grammar, punctuation, spelling and handwriting will be practised daily in class. Children will be moving away from using simple sentences and look at extending sentences to create more complex and interesting sentences. Finally, we will be encouraging all children to speak clearly in full sentences. This will help children speak confidently in front of their peers.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">RE</p> <p>The focus of this term's R.E work is Transformation, Freedom and Responsibility and Stewardship. We will look at how we all have different qualities and talents that make us unique. We will be able to retell stories about religious events and people, such as and describe what it means to be called to live a Christian life. We will learn to make links between the scripture and the call to holiness, whilst developing our religious vocabulary. Children will focus on how the disciples began spreading the word of God and how Jesus transformed Saul's life. Our stewardship topic will focus on helping others, especially those around the world.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Science</p> <p>We will begin to test different theories based on materials and their properties. Our lessons will be experiments including testing the viscosity and magnetism of materials.</p> <p>After half term we will learn all about plants and habitats and how we can protect our world. We will test lots of different hypotheses and examine the results.</p> <p>The children will be doing lots of experiments, scientific thinking and working as scientists.</p>

<p style="text-align: center;">PE</p> <p>Our P.E lessons are delivered by Mr Poole and the children will learn the rules of tennis. This will take place on a Wednesday afternoon. On a Wednesday morning, we will look at athletics and test all our different athletic abilities. Children will also learn why P.E is so important and the effects that exercise has on the body.</p> <p>As the weather becomes warmer please make sure children have an appropriate P.E kit including dark tracksuit bottoms, shorts, a white top and a zip up jacket. Thank you.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Computing</p> <p>We are very busy in Computing this term because we are going to create our own circuits using a programme called crumble. Children will use motors, sparkles and wheels to create a range of circuits. We will then focus on programming using scratch to complete a range of commands. We will use lots of if, if, if, then commands and see if we can identify which programmes are the most efficient and why.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Geography</p> <p>Our geography skills will link closely to our history topic by using compasses to locate Medieval sites on a map. We will look at how Medieval sites have developed and changed over time and why land was so important during the Middle Ages.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">History</p> <p>We are really looking forward to learning all about the Middle Ages! Children will learn about how Medieval town worked but also that Thornaby was named in the Domesday book. The children will use a variety of sources to help support their view points allow them to see how much impact the Middle Ages had on our history.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Art, Music and D&T</p> <p>These areas of the curriculum will be linked mainly with our History, Geography and English. Children focus on an art based on Ancient Greek's pottery and the children will create their own pottery.</p> <p>In D and T, the children will be making bread! They will have to research healthy ingredients and the process for baking.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Homework</p> <p>Children in year 5 are required to do homework almost every night. The amount of homework given is carefully thought out and should never take more than one hour to complete. Included (each night) in this is 15 minutes reading. They should spend 10 minutes on tables and 10 minutes on spellings which are set each week. In addition, there will be Sumdog Maths homework and sometimes additional questions to consolidate in class learning. They also have one reading plus to complete at home a week. As always, thank you very much for your wonderful support!</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Key Dates</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Half term - Friday 23rd May</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sports Day - Tuesday 1st July</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Summer holidays - Friday 18th July</p>	