



# Welcome to Year 5 Spring



Dear Parents,

The children have settled into their new classes extremely well, and are becoming familiar with new routines. The Upper end of KS2 is an exciting and busy place to be, and so we want to support you in every way we can. You will receive information about whole school issues through school newsletters, but we also wanted to send you our own information about Year 5 through a newsletter so here is the first one of the year. If you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to come and speak to us.

Thank you,

Mr Sherrington, Miss McQuade, Miss Grady, Miss Coleman and Miss Wardell.

## *Maths*



The children love daily Maths lessons and rise to the challenge of timed tests. We are focusing on the four basic number rules so that we can use and apply them to all maths' topics. Times tables and mental arithmetic will be practiced 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:

Multiplication and Division  
Fractions  
Decimals and percentages.

## *English*



This term, our English will be linked to a variety of texts and videos including Harry Potter and topical subjects. The writing genres we will be looking at are letter writing, newspaper reports and procedural instructions.

In our reading sessions, we will practise comprehension skills to help our understanding of a text. Grammar, punctuation, spelling and handwriting will be practiced 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 and to perform their Haiku poems.

## *RE*

The focus of this term's R.E work is all about preparation for Easter and the sacrifice Jesus made for us. Our topics are Mission, Memorial Sacrifice and Sacrifice.

We will learn to make links between the scripture and the call to holiness, whilst developing our religious vocabulary. Using paintings, we will look at how symbolism is used and make links to other paintings. We will also look at key figures in the church's history such as Mother Theresa and Maximilian Kolbe and discuss the sacrifices they made for others.

## *Science*

We will begin the year studying Space! We will look at our brilliant solar system and how scientists discovered the world wasn't flat and how Albert Einstein discovered gravity. Children will link their science and art together by drawing and sketching phases of the moon.

The children will be doing lots of experiments, scientific thinking and working as scientists. They will have to predict results, experiment, draw results and finally present their findings.

## PE

Our P.E lessons are delivered by Mr Mills and Mr Rymer and the children will learn the events of sports hall athletics. The children will build on their skills from last year. This will take place on a Wednesday afternoon and Thursday morning. Children will also learn why P.E is so important and the effects that exercise has on the body. We will also have dance with Urban Kaos on a Tuesday or Thursday morning.

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. Thankyou.



## Geography

We will be improving our knowledge of locations in Geography. We will locate National Parks on maps and look at that key features of a National Park. We will also compare a National Park in the U.K to a National Park in North and South America, we look at the difference in climates and regions.

## French

Our new French topic is 'Chez Moi' which means my home. We will learn new vocabulary about different items of clothing that we wear.

## Computing



We are very busy in Computing this term because we are completing a lot of research on our Topic subjects and Science using the iPads. We will be becoming code breakers and creators.

Please encourage safe internet use at home and good and legal use of social networks.

## Art, Music and D&T

These areas of the curriculum will be linked mainly with our History, Geography and English. Children focus on an artist called Faith Ringgold who tells stories through her art work. The children will develop their painting and textile skills.

In D and T, the children will be looking at bread and different types of bread that is available to buy. They will then make their very own bread! The children will then look at mechanical toys and how to create their own.

There will be weekly music lessons incorporating singing and instrumental playing. Lessons will include learning about musicians and different music genres, playing instruments, and learning about the different features of music.

## Homework

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 then complete a row on spellings and a row on times tables which are set each week. In addition, there will be maths homework set on SumDog that covers the learning from the week. As always, thank you very much for your wonderful support!

## Important Dates!

**Swimming - Week of 16th February and Week of 2nd March**  
**(This is the last week of half term 1 and first week of half term 2)**

**Y5 Skiing Trip - 15th March**

**Ash Wednesday - 5th March**

**World Book Day - 6th March**



