



## Year 5 Newsletter – September 2024



Dear Parents,

Welcome to Year 5. We hope that you all had a lovely summer holiday. The children have returned well and have been eager to learn. It has been great to see all of them settle well and we look forward to an exciting and busy term ahead.

### English

This term, in English, children will be writing a newspaper report based on the text, *Escape from Pompeii* by Christina Balit. Later in the term, pupils will be writing detailed setting descriptions that use a range of figurative language. They will begin to mature their writing with the use of new grammar techniques in order to create written pieces that cause the reader to feel curious, excited and nervous. This will be surrounding the text, *Mousehole Cat*.

### Maths

This term we will be covering place Value and addition and subtraction. Within our Place Value lessons we will be recapping digit values, rounding to 10, 100, 1000 and 10000, comparing and ordering numbers to a million and exploring negative numbers and roman numerals. During addition and subtraction we will be adding and subtracting whole numbers with more than 4 digits. We will use rounding to check answers before understanding the term inverse and calculating multi step addition and subtraction problems.

### Geography

This term we will be exploring the big question, 'What does it take to survive the extreme?' This topic will be covered throughout term 1 and 2. We will focus on the structure of the Earth, how volcanoes are formed and how Earthquakes occur. We will investigate the causes of tsunamis and use Pompeii as a case study. The children are always invited to bring and share any home learning they have completed with the rest of the class.

### Science

Our topic for this term is properties of materials. The children will be grouping materials, understanding solubility, considering the properties of metals and taking part in an elasticity investigation. The children will use their knowledge to determine what material would be most effective when designing and making a coat.

### Jigsaw

During our Jigsaw lessons we will be exploring 'Being Me in My World'. We will cover facing new challenges positively, understanding our role and responsibilities as citizens in our country, understanding that rewards and consequences result from our behaviour choices and explore how our choices can impact others.

### In the following subjects we will be studying:

**Computing** – E- safety and key skills

**RE** – What does it mean to be a Muslim in Britain today?

**Art** – Portraits and facial features

**French** – We will focus on pets

### PE KIT

The children will take part in PE on **Monday** and **Friday**. On this day children can wear their PE kits to school. Children are to wear black shorts or jogging bottoms and a white t-shirt with a black or school sweatshirt. Should the weather prevent PE from taking place outside, an alternate classroom lesson will take place.

### Homework

Homework in Year 5 will be set on a Monday. Children will be able to access Spelling Shed to practise their spellings but no more spelling tests on a Friday. Please encourage your child to practise Times Tables Rockstars at least 4 times a week, as this will really help with their rapid recall.

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### Reading

Most of your child's reading in school will be through whole class reading, so it is really important to listen to your child read at home as often as possible, aiming for around four times a week for 10 minutes. Reading records will be checked every Monday and your child can change their book once they have completed it.

Finally, if you have any questions or queries, I am available at the end of the school day to speak with you.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Miss Colley

### **Key Dates**

- 17.09.24 – Individual Photographs
- 23.09.24 – PTA AGM, 9.10am School Hall
- 25.09.24 – Open Morning for new parents
- 02.10.24 – Flu Vaccinations
- 03.10.24 – Harvest Festival
- 04.10.24 – INSET Day
- 09.10.24 – Grandparents' Afternoon
- 14.10.24 – Parent Consultation Evening
- 17.10.24 – Parent Consultation Evening
- 22-24.10.24 – Prayer Spaces
- 25.10.24 – Geography Event Day
- 28.10.24 – HALF TERM
- 04.11.24 – Start of Term 2