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Year 5 Newsletter

November 2020

Dear Parents,

Welcome back, I hope you had a fantastic half term and are ready for a new half term.

Topic work this Term

We are continuing our topic 'Last chance to see' this half term. We have learnt about the different species of animal that live in our country and in other places around the world and the dangers they face. We will examine the differences and similarities in the difficulties they face and explore how we can best help our environment to save the animals we share the Earth with. This topic will also give us the opportunity to place some trap cameras around the school ground so we can observe the animals in our local area.

Maths In the first couple of weeks of this half term we will be looking at statistics and learning how to read and interpret line graphs. Then we will move on to multiplication and division and learn the written methods for both these calculations.

English Last half term we read the Alex Rider teenage spy novel 'Stormbreaker'. This term we will be designing our own teenage spies equipped with their own gadgets and training. We will practice our story writing and descriptive writing by thinking of missions for our spies to go on and evil villains to stop.

Computing Our focus this term is programming. We will be using a programme called Scratch to learn how to create our own simple computer games.

RE This term we will be studying the meaning of a Messiah and looking at what characteristics Jesus and other prophets shared which encouraged people to follow them.

Jigsaw Our theme this term is 'Celebrating differences'. This topic will give the chance to discuss what it means to be British and how many different religions, people and cultures live in our country.

PE We will be doing hockey on the school playground this term. I recommend wearing long jogging bottoms as the children will be staying in their PE kit for the whole day.

Timetable Please make sure your child comes to school wearing their PE kit on a Wednesday.

The children will have opportunities to change their reading books during the week. I will be collecting reading records in on a Monday.

Homework This year spelling lists will be sent home on a Monday. There will be a spelling test on a Friday most weeks. Please encourage your child to practise times tables for 30 minutes a week via 'TT Rock Stars' or any other way that works for your child.

Please support your child in reading regularly as this is so important in helping the children to progress in their learning. We recommend the children read for at least ten minutes on four separate occasions.

Thank you for all your support.

Mr. Clee