

Year 5 Newsletter

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the start of a brand new school year, I hope you have had a lovely holiday. I am looking forward to a fun and productive year in Year 5 and have an exciting curriculum planned for your child. This newsletter will keep you informed on what will be happening over the course of this term.

R.E

In RE this term we will be looking at prayer and how it is significant to many faiths and the various ways in which people pray. In addition, we will study some of the main celebrations of different faiths, helping us to understand better their meaning and importance.



English

In English this term we will be focusing on poetry, fiction (including books by Michael Morpurgo), non-fiction (based on animals and their migratory patterns) and trying out a bit of rap! All of these genres will help the children to develop further their language skills i.e. speaking, reading and writing.

Maths

In Maths this term we will be working on building on our number facts using addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We will also be covering fraction, ratio, measurement and even some algebra. We aim to include problem solving and real life maths in our maths lessons to encourage the children to understand that maths is all around us and used on a daily basis.

PE

We will be having PE on a **Monday** and **Thursday**

Please make sure that your child's PE Kit is in school at all times and has their name in all pieces of kit. This term we are fortunate to have Mr.

Westwood, our new sports coach, who will be leading the sessions. With his experience and expertise in sports coaching, the children will build on and learn new skills in a variety of sports.



Topic

Our cross-curricular theme for this half term will be 'Princes, Peasants and Pestilence'. This topic covers the medieval period and the Black Death. I am sure the children will enjoy some of the more gruesome aspects of this topic!

Our other topic for the following half-term is titled 'Off with her head' which focuses on Britain during Tudor times; in particular Henry VIII but from the view of his wife Anne Boleyn.

Homework

Children's reading records are checked on **Monday, Wednesday** and **Friday**. We require an adult's signature in their reading record from a parent or guardian to show that you have listened to your child read.

Learning Log tasks will continue to be sent home every Friday and must be back in school by the following Thursday. Please support your child in their given tasks, as well as encouraging them to present their work neatly.

Spellings will be set and sent home on a Monday and tested in school on Friday of the same week.

Thank you for your continued support with your child's work at home: it is really invaluable.



If you have any problems or concerns and wish to speak to me, I am available at the beginning and the end of the school day. I will not, however, be available after school on a Monday as it is our staff meeting. You are also welcome to make an appointment at the office to see me for more significant issues.

Many thanks,

Class Teacher: Mrs Crosby

HLTA: Mrs Hartland LSP; Miss O'Sullivan