

Year 5 Newsletter

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the start of a brand new school year, I hope you have had a lovely summer holiday, which now seems to be a distant memory!

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.

P.E

We will be having P.E on **Monday** and **Wednesday**.

Please make sure that you child's P.E Kit is in school at all times and has their name in all pieces of kit.



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. We will learn about the reasons why he ordered her execution and whether or not she really did have 6 fingers on one hand!

The other topic is called 'Star Gazer' and develops children's knowledge and understanding about the wonders of space and the mysteries of the solar system and the universe.

Homework

- Children's reading records are checked on **Monday, Wednesday** and **Friday**.

We require a signature in their reading record from a

parent or guardian to show that you have listened to your child read for 5 minutes or more. Remember to ask them questions about what they have read to help them with their comprehension skills.

- As in previous year groups, homework will be sent home on **Fridays** and must be back in school by **Thursday** of the following week.

- Spellings will be set on a Friday and tested in school on the following Friday. Your support with homework is invaluable as it further extends your child's learning and provides you with an opportunity to see what they are learning at school.



Snacks and Lunch Boxes

As part of our Healthy Schools Policy, a polite reminder that morning snacks and lunches should be a healthy option, e.g. fruit or healthy snack bar. Please no crisps or chocolate. It is also a good idea to write your child's name on any reusable drinks bottles and lunch boxes, as many children tend to have the ones and this will avoid any confusion. Thank you.

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. You are also welcome to make an appointment at the office to see me for more significant issues.

Best wishes,

Mrs Crosby & Mrs Hartland