

# Year 5 Newsletter

Dear Parents,

I hope that you had a good Christmas holiday and would like to wish you a very happy New Year. I'd like to take this opportunity to let you know a little bit about what we'll be getting up to in Year 5 during the Spring term.

## R.E

Our focus in R.E. this term will focus on the Five Pillars of Islam. This is an excellent and engaging way to find out about and appreciate the wide range of faiths that are practised. We will then of course be studying 'The Journey of Easter' in the lead up to this special time of year.



## English

English this term will continue to focus on improving the children's writing and reading through a variety of genres including fiction (a story based on a child's experiences in Lebanon), poetry (exploring narrative poems) and non-fiction (they will get the chance to write and perform an advert). I hope that these will enthuse the children and support them in their learning.

## Maths

Our Maths this term will continue to build on the children's number facts as well as expanding their understanding of fractions, ratios and problem solving and reasoning. We will also be encouraging the children to learn all of their times tables from 2x to 12x as they are a fundamental part of maths. It would be great if you could support your child with this at home by helping them regularly recite (and testing them on) their times tables.

## P.E

This term Year 5 will have P.E on **Monday**, in addition to go swimming on **Thursday** to Tipton swimming baths where they will be taught by trained swimming instructors. Please make sure that you child's P.E kit is in school at all times and their swimming kits on Thursday. Please note that we return to school by 3:40 after swimming sessions.



## 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!

For the second part of the term, our topic is 'Beast Creator'. This is a great topic for children to discover more about insects. Did you know that there are approximately 200 million insects for every human?

## Homework

A reminder that 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. Please note that you child is not limited to reading a book from school; encourage them to read texts which interest them e.g. comics, magazines, information online, etc. If a reading record is mislaid or lost, we will happily accept a signed note in lieu, rather than children seeing mislaid/lost reading records as an excuse to not read!

Homework will continue to be send home on **Fridays** (to be returned by the following **Thursday**). Spellings will be set on **Friday** and tested in school on **Friday** of the following week. Please help your child learn their spellings to ensure that they get full marks.



Thank you for your support and effort in helping your child complete their homework (there was some really great work produced last term).

Finally, as always, 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 can also make an appointment via the school office to see me for more significant issues.

Best wishes,  
*Mrs Crosby*