

# 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 initially be the teachings of Jesus in which the children can explore and understand the meanings of the lessons and stories that Jesus told. We will then of course be studying 'The Journey of Easter' in the lead up to the celebration.



## 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 **Fridays** 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 Fridays.



## Topic

Our cross-curricular theme for this half term will be 'Stargazer'. This topic covers many aspects of space, which hopefully the children will find fascinating. If you get the chance (and the sky is clear), take the time to look at the night sky with your children to see what you can learn together. For the second part of the term, we will be looking at allotments. This will be a great opportunity for us to grow some produce of our own, learn about life cycles and get a bit grubby too! So if any of you are keen gardeners and would like to share your expertise, please come and join us.

## 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 the following **Thursday**). Spellings will be set on **Monday** and tested in school on **Friday** of the same 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*