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Year 5 Autumn Term Newsletter

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you and your child to Year 5. It has been wonderful to see all the children back in school and settling into their new classes with their friends.

Topic

This term, pupils explore a wide range of exciting topics across the curriculum. In science, they learn about space, investigating the solar system, the movement of the Earth and moon, and how these create day, night and seasons. They also study forces, discovering how gravity, friction and air resistance affect movement in the world around them. In history, pupils will develop their understanding of the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings and their impact on Britain. In art, the children will experiment with colour, space and texture, learning how to use these elements to create mood, depth and interest in their work. Together, these topics encourage curiosity, creativity and a deeper understanding of the world.

English

We start the school year, studying the Little People, Big Ideas books, creating our own versions based upon ourselves. Following on from this, we will deepen our understanding of non-chronological, information texts and narrative stories, developing our skills at creative writing and applying grammar effectively.

In reading lessons, we will be reading a variety of texts linked to our topic. Children will develop their inference and other comprehension skills; they will broaden their vocabulary and use the skills they have been learning across all subject areas. Year 5 will also be enjoying class novels starting with Beowulf – a Danish mythological tale.

At the end of every week, we celebrate reading by selecting the class whose pupils have worked together to reach a reading target of reading at home for at least three days a week. Please support your child and their class in attaining this goal by listening to your child read and commenting in their reading records.

Maths

Throughout the Autumn term, we will be developing the children's understanding of place value to one-million, emphasising that numbers are made up of digits and that each digit has a value. Children will learn how to record numbers as numerals and words, develop their understanding of rounding and comparing numbers up to one-million. They will develop their confidence in calculation methods for addition, subtraction, division and multiplication and strengthen their understanding of fractions.

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You can continue to support your child by engaging them in every day mathematical situations including telling the time, handling money and reading measures. We also encourage you to support your children's knowledge of times tables, please encourage your child to continue their times tables practice by using TTRS every child has a login.

RE

This term we will be learning all about Sikhi and how Sikhs show commitment to their religion. Nearer Christmas, we will be looking closely at the Christmas story and the facts behind it.

French

We will start the term with French geography, using our map skills to locate the 29 sovereign states that have French as their official or co-official language, we will also identify and label the location of major French cities and carry out research on French culture. We will also develop our understanding of the French alphabet and their phonics system to aid us in better pronunciation. Following this, we will develop our understanding of colours, days, months and describing the date as well as significant dates such as birthdays and celebrations.

Key Messages

Children complete two PE sessions a week. Please ensure that your child comes into school in a full PE kit on these days. As the weather turns colder, please make sure your child is wearing suitable P.E kit for being outside in chilly weather conditions. Earrings need to be removed for P.E lessons.

Indoor P.E – Plain white T-shirt, black shorts (no dance), black plimsolls/trainers.

Outdoor P.E- Sweatshirt (school jumper), black or grey jogging bottoms (no leggings), trainers.

Year 5 PE days are Monday and Wednesday.

Trips

We have some exciting trips and visits planned to enhance your child's learning experience this year. This term, we have the Space Dome visiting which will deepen the children's understanding of the solar system whilst giving them an interactive experience. We are also planning a trip to The Royal Opera House in Covent Garden, London, to experience a performance of The Nutcracker in December. Emails with more information will be sent shortly.

Please let us know if you have any further questions or queries.

Kind Regards

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