

# Year 5 Newsletter – Autumn Term 2



Dear Parents/Carers:

We have had a great start to the year and it has been an absolute pleasure to witness so many of our school values being displayed by your children!

The following is an overview of what your child will be taught in the second half of the Autumn term, as well as general timetabling information.

In **English**, we will be reading a classic, festive text by Charles Dickens, 'A Christmas Carol'. Through reading this book as a whole class, we will be exploring themes of: poverty, society, family life, charity and Christmas. The children will be analysing what makes good character descriptions and create their very own for Ebenezer Scrooge. Additionally, the children will be learning how to devise expanded noun phrases to create effect, and understand the use of commas.

We really need your help encouraging the children in their **reading**. All children are expected to complete a reading progress assignment weekly, which will take no longer than 15 mins on Teams. All children have access to Accelerated Reader, and we need them to be reading every day and then completing a quiz approximately weekly (depending on the size of the book). We have daily **Destination Reader** sessions, which will involve explicitly teaching reading strategies, such as clarifying, inferring, predicting, questioning, summarising, and making connections with the wider world.

Our **Maths** focus this half-term is on multiplication and division facts. Children will then explore fractions and understand proportions. Children are encouraged to continue their memorisation of their multiplication facts. **Children will be tested on their times tables on a weekly basis.**

Our **Geography** topic will be 'Mapping Europe'. Children will be taught key skills to identify and locate key geographical features of countries in Europe using maps and atlases. The children will be able to identify counties, cities, mountains, rivers, seas and coastlines across Europe.

In **Science**, our topic will be "Forces". The children will be investigating the following forces: gravity, air resistance, water resistance, friction, pulleys and levers. The children will be conducting scientific enquiries to answer questions and recognise variables where necessary.



In Year 5, in **French** this term, we will be learning about the past times of French kings, sports and flags and Christmas!

In **Music**, our topic for this term is 'Keeping Healthy'. Children will learn to sing in multiple parts, read melodies from staff notation and accompany songs with percussion instruments. They will also be composing and combining their own vocal melodies. The groups with THAMES have worked well so far, if you are keen in a paid tuition place for brass or strings please let Mr. Griffiths know as there could be a couple more spaces.

In **PSHE**, our topic is 'celebrating differences.' We will be learning about respecting different cultures, understanding the topic of racism and looking at different types of bullying.

In **Computing**, learners will develop their understanding of media production. They will focus on film production, looking at camera angles and learn how to edit their work. Children will also explore skills data analysis skills and create their own webpage with hyperlinks.

In **Art**, we will be studying typography. We will look at different fonts, layouts and printed word. We will be creating a visual map using typography skills.

Finally, our "big questions" in **Religious Education** this half term are: 'What can we learn from wisdom?' and 'How do art and music convey Christmas?' The children will be exploring both questions in detail and thinking about Christian and other faiths responses and then expression their own opinion on these answers based on what they have been learning about.

P.E. will be on **Thursday** mornings. Please ensure your child comes into school wearing the correct kit on Thursday. A reminder that children should, if possible, wear blue jumpers in class on all other days and not hoodies.

Homework is set every Wednesdays on Teams. Children are set Maths, English and a reading assignment weekly. Please encourage your child/ren to complete the tasks as they reinforce classroom learning. The spellings and times tables are compulsory and will be tested on a weekly basis in class.

A reminder, if there is anything that you wish to talk to us about, please do let us know. We are here to help!

Best wishes,

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Ms. Dewan, Mr. Ahmed, Al-Asmah and Isabelle

