

Year 5 Newsletter – Summer Term 2



Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you had a wonderful half term and perhaps celebrated The Queen's Jubilee or even Wales qualifying for the World Cup...

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

In **English**, we are looking at **The Lost Thing by Shaun Tan** and will be creating our own ending to the story that we can share with children in KS1. We will also be looking at poetry and the work **On the Horizon by Lois Lowry** our end point for this unit will be our very own poetry slam where children will share their poetry with each other.

We will continue to put a lot of focus on **reading**. We will have separate **Destination Reader** sessions, which will involve explicitly teaching reading strategies, such as clarifying, inferring, predicting, questioning, summarising and making connections with the wider world. Please try to encourage your child to read as much and as widely as possible and, wherever possible, please take the time to read with your child.

Our **Maths** focus this term is position and direction and then converting units including the metric units. As the children progress through their learning, we will also be focusing on how to solve word problems, developing our ability to reason and explain using clear mathematical language. Children will also be practising mental maths strategies and arithmetic questions weekly. **Children will be tested on their times tables on Mondays along with their spellings and should make use of Timestables Rockstars at home to practice.**

In **Geography** the children will be looking at extreme weather and specifically the extreme weather faced in Japan. They will be researching, comparing and analysing data to draw their own geographical conclusions.

In **Computing** we will be creating our own quizzes, understanding conditions and outcomes and evaluating and improving our quizzes to share with each other

In **Science**, our topic will be about **Super Scientists**. We will research some of the most famous scientists in history such as David Attenborough, Eva Crane, Stephanie Kwolek and Leonardo da Vinci. We will also research the solar system in depth and look at how CSI conduct investigation to solve crimes.

In **DT**, we will be researching, designing and building our own parachutes to safely land an egg! To ensure we have enough material could children please bring in any recycling that they think could be useful in achieving this aim.

In **French** this term, we are learning about hobbies and interests. They will continue to develop their French vocabulary and grammar.

In **Music**, we will be developing our singing as part of a group and in order to celebrate our learning this year.

Our **Religious Education** focus will be Sikhism. We will be exploring what it means to be Sikh, and what Sikhs believe. We will learn about their practices and ways of life, as well as different teachings and beliefs. We will explore the Sikh place of worship and reflect on the unit by comparing Sikhism with Christianity.

P.E. will be on **Thursday** mornings. Please ensure your child comes to school in the correct kit on Thursdays. **Palm Class** are swimming this term every **Tuesday**.

In **PSHE** our topic is 'changing me'. This includes how our bodies changes for females and males during puberty and how to ensure we are aware keeping our bodies safe from untrusted adults.

Homework: your child will be expected to read for **15-20 minutes every night**. Learning the weekly spellings and times tables is mandatory, with a test every Thursday. Please refer to the term's Homework Planner.

If there is anything that you wish to talk to us about, we will be available every day at home time.

Best wishes,

Team Year 5

