



# Year 5 Curriculum Newsletter.

## Autumn term 2017.



We hope you enjoyed your break and welcome to year 5! Below is a selection of the areas that your child will be studying over the next term.

### **English**

This term we will be looking at the novel 'The Wreck of the Zanzibar'. We will study the text before writing a diary entry from the perspective of one of the main characters. In the second half of the term, we will be exploring a variety of poems all based around the same theme.

### **Science**

Our first topic this term is 'circle of life', where we will be focusing on the changes that an array of different animals go through in their life. As part of this topic we will be participating in an exciting investigation observing caterpillars transforming into butterflies in the classroom.

### **Geography**

In the second half of the autumn term, we will be exploring rivers and the water cycle. As part of the topic we will be learning about water sources, water uses and how it re-joins the cycle.

### **PSHCE**

Pupils learn PSHCE through daily reflection activities, assemblies and PSHCE days which are held half termly. This term our topic is 'Identifying potential dangers' and 'Coping with moods and feelings'.

In Year 5 we expect children to:

- Read every day for 20 minutes at least and ensure an adult signs their reading record everyday.
- Practise their maths passport targets regularly include their times tables up to 12 x 12
- Practise their spelling for the Friday tests.
- Take responsibility for their learning.
- Take care of all equipment sent home, including reading books
- Follow school rules at all times

### **Maths**

This term we will continue to develop our mental maths skills using our Maths Passports and will also be working towards children's individual targets. In Year 5, we will focus on securing knowledge in place value, whilst developing their reasoning skills with problem solving type questioning.

### **History**

In the first half of the autumn, we will be learning about the Tudors. Our historical analysis skills will be developed by gathering content, processing information then communicating and presenting this in a variety of ways. We will discover what living conditions were like in Tudor times and study important people from the time.

### **Computing**

This half term we will be looking at computer programming. Children will be exploring scratch, expanding on the knowledge they have gathered in previous years.

### **RE**

Initially, we will be looking at Christianity, followed by Islam in the second half term. These topics will focus on the core beliefs and values of the religions and their forms of worships. In every RE lesson there will always be a grammar focus.

### **REMINDER**

**Homework** is sent home on Tuesdays and must be returned on or before the following Monday (if provided). Encourage your children to use the 'read, say, write, check' method when supporting your child to learn their spellings. Full **PE kit** should be brought into school on a **Monday** and left in all week. Children should take it home on **Friday** to be washed. Please come and speak to any member of the Year 5 team if you have any questions.