



# Year 5 Curriculum Newsletter Autumn term 2021



Welcome back! We hope you enjoyed your break. Below is a selection of the areas that your child will be studying over the next term.

## Class texts

In our English Unit we will be reading 'The Wreck of Zanzibar' by Michael Morpurgo. In our whole class reading lesson we will be reading 'Millions' by Frank Cottrell-Boyce. For our end of day read we will be reading 'A Kid's Life in Ancient Egypt' by Chae Strathie.

## 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 'To boldly go', where we will be focusing on our solar system and learning the planets. We will look at grouping the planets based on their size/atmosphere/orbit time and rotational period in their life.

## Geography

This term the children will be learning about Africa. They will use political maps to explore Africa but also focus on specific countries to compare and contrast.

## 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'.

## Maths

This year we have introduced a new scheme of work for Maths called Power Maths. This will allow all children to deepen their Mathematical thinking. Our main foci this term will be place value, addition and subtraction and multiplication and division. Children will also be expected to continue to ensure that they can recall all their timetables fluently.

## History

In the Autumn term, we will be learning all about Ancient Egyptians. 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 the era of the Ancient Egyptians and study important people from the time.

## Computing

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

## RE

Initially, we will be looking at Buddhism, followed by Christianity in the second half term. These topics will focus on the core beliefs and values of the religions and their forms of worships. We will develop our understanding of each religion.

## REMINDER

- **Read** every day for 20 minutes at least and ensure an adult signs their reading record everyday once the child has written a sentence.
- Practise their **times tables** on TTRS.
- Practise their **spellings** ready for their test each Monday.
- **Homework** is sent home on Fridays and must be returned on or before the following Wednesday.
- Authorised Full **PE kit** should be worn on your child's P.E days.  
Please come and speak to any member of the Year 5 team if you have any questions.