

**Welcome to the Spring Term in Year 5**

*Firstly, on behalf of myself, Mrs Cooper and Mrs Daniel can I say a huge thank you for all of the lovely Christmas gifts and cards that we all received and we all wish you a Happy New Year.*

**This term we will be learning all about:**

English

We will be reading ,writing and exploring a variety of text types, including fiction, non-fiction and poetry. We will be developing our comprehension skills by analysing in detail, narrative poems written by the poets Charles Causley and Michael Rosen and the book 'Oranges in No Man's Land'. We will also be learning more spelling patterns and grammar rules to help improve our independent writing.

Mathematics

We will be continuing to develop a whole range of mathematical skills, building on our previous knowledge of numbers, calculation, problem solving, geometry, measurement and the tricky area of fractions and decimals.

We will also be continuing to improve our knowledge of times tables, up to 12 x 12, and the division facts related to them.

Science

We have completed our first topic 'Materials' where we have explored the different properties of materials and we have planned and carried out our own investigations. Our next science topic will be 'Types of Change' where we will discover how materials can be changed, whether these change are reversible and once again, planning our own investigations.

ICT

In our 'We Are Game Developers' topic we will be continuing to create our own game using the computer programme SCRATCH. We will also be having a go at some blogging and creating a class website. **Safer Internet day is on Tuesday 7th February.** To coincide with this we will be holding our own Internet Safety day on **Thursday 2nd February** when you will invited into school to take part in E-Safety activities with your child.

**Please take a few moments to look at the following links for E-Safety advice.**

<http://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

<http://www.saferinternet.org.uk/>

RE

In RE this term, we will read and discuss stories of committed individuals in Christianity, Hinduism, Judaism and Islam

Cornerstones

Our new topic is called 'Time Travellers' so all of the activities will be based around time in some way including history, geography and artwork.

Music

We will be continuing to take part in Rock It lessons with Mr Bough

PE

Topics this term include swimming, gymnastics and dance.

MFL

We will be learning French words associated with school and attempting to put these words into short phrases.

### Homework

Well done to everyone who completed the I Am Learning homework last term—it is great to see so many of you completing the tasks . **ALL** Homework will now be published using the its learning platform. Please check this regularly to keep up to do date with Y5 activities

### Maths Focus

Ours Maths homework this term will be developing times tables quick recall skills and to be able to identify the related division facts in order to improve calculation skills. The children are becoming much more fluent in all of their tables and have enjoyed singing along to some times tables songs that are REALLY catchy! As this is such an important life skill we will continue to focus on improving recall and speed of times tables up to 12 x 12 throughout the year.

### Spellings

Spellings will be given out each Friday and the Spelling Test will be on the following Friday. A copy of weekly spelling lists can be found on its learning too. These will be related to a spelling pattern or rule that we have worked on.

Thank you for your support in helping your child to learn their spellings, I am beginning to see an improvement within their written work as they are using the words and the spelling rules that they are practising.

### **Important Information for Year 5**

#### PE

Swimming will be on Mondays this term, please ensure the children bring their swimming kit each week. PE kits can be kept in school each half term . It would be helpful if girls who are likely to wear tights to school bring a spare pair of socks to keep in their PE bag.

#### Reading Books

We hope the children are enjoying reading the books from our scheme.

These reading books need to be brought into school daily.

**Please sign your child's reading diary when they have finished a book at home.**

#### Uniform

**Please ensure that all personal belongings, especially jumpers and coats, continue to be named—even Year 5 clothing seems to go walk-about from time to time and it helps us to return them to their rightful owner as swiftly as possible.**

### Year 5 Staff

Class teacher—Mrs Selvey

Classroom Assistants—Mrs T Cooper and Mrs M Daniel

**If you have any concerns at all then please do not hesitate to come and see me. I am always available at the end of the school day or an appointment can be booked through the school office.**