

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

*Firstly, on behalf of myself and Mrs Whitehead 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.

Computing

In our 'We Are Artists' the children will explore geometric art, taking inspiration from the work of Escher, Riley and traditional Islamic artists.

RE

In RE this term, we will find out about the Muslim and Christian faith discussing who is inspiring and why?

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 Force

PE

Topics this term include gymnastics and dance.

MFL

We will be learning French words associated with the body.

**Important Information for Year 5**

PE

Please can we ensure that the children have both their indoor and outdoor PE Kits in school.

Reading Books

We hope the children are enjoying reading the books from the Bug Club. 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.

### Homework

Well done to everyone who completed the Purple Mash last term—it is great to see so many of you completing the tasks . I will continue to also give out Maths and English worksheets weekly—again I am very impressed by the amount of effort that has gone into completing these tasks.

### 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. 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.

### Dates For Your Diary

Friday 29th January —Year 5 Family Lunch

Friday 9th February—Enrichment Day at the Comp 10am-2.30pm

Friday 16th February —Non-Uniform Disney Day

Friday 16th February—Break Up for half term

Friday 9th March—Year 5 family Lunch

Week beginning 19th March- KS2 parents consultations

Wednesday 28th March —Easter Display

Thursday 29th March- Non-Uniform Bad hair day

### Year 5 Staff

Class teacher—Mrs Postings

Classroom Assistant—Mrs Whitehead

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.