

## **Welcome to Autumn Term 1**

We hope you are well and had a lovely summer and are feeling refreshed and energised for the start of the new academic year!

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The Year 5 curricula for the current half term are as follows:

### **Reading**

In Year 5 we continue to follow the Destination Reader scheme. This half term, Turner class are reading Anglo Saxon Boy (Tony Bradman); Thompson class are reading All about Politics (Andrew Marr). In addition, children will be reading books at their reading level during quiet reading. Please support your child by listening to them read and questioning them about their reading.

### **Writing**

We continue to develop the children's writing through Talk 4 Writing, which many of you will be familiar with. This half term, the children will write a warning story based on a text entitled 'The Canal'. They will be developing their punctuation and grammar as well as figurative language and use of fronted adverbials. A great way to boost your children's writing skills and embed their understanding of the genre is to read and discuss similar stories, for example, Little Red Riding Hood, Der Struwwelpeter, King Midas and The Emperor's New Clothes – talking for writing!

### **Maths**

This half term, the children will be consolidating and developing their arithmetic and reasoning skills in the context of place value, including decimals and roman numerals. We are following the White Rose Maths scheme, which encourages a deeper level of understanding and reasoning.

### **Geography**

Our topic for autumn is Antarctica. The children will learn about climate vs weather; climate change and its effects on Antarctica and the world; the effects of global tourism as well as life in Antarctica. There are many books, videos and documentaries on the topic which are suitable for children.

### **Religious Education**

We will be learning about Hinduism: the importance of commitment; Hindu Gods; worship and rituals and holy places. Again, there is a wealth of literature and film available, to consolidate the children's learning.

### **Physical Education**

The regular PE schedule for autumn 1 is:

- Turner: Monday (gym) and Wednesday (Swimming)
- Thompson: Wednesday (upper playground) and Friday (gym)

It is essential that your child has the correct school PE kit (including trainers) for each PE session.

### **PSHE**

This term, Year 5 children will primarily be focusing on digital lifestyles including how to use the internet safely, online security and sharing information online. The children will also learn how to identify and report inappropriate content or contact to an adult, CEOP or agencies such as Child Line.

**Science**

This term the children will be learning about properties and changes to materials wherein they will be comparing and grouping materials based on their properties. They will also be learning about how dissolving and mixing are reversible changes.

**Music**

Children will be starting to learn to play the ukulele. They will be learning strumming and plucking techniques. They will be composing songs using the open strings and learning music theory. Lessons are class-based.

**Spanish**

This term, the children will be learning Spanish by following the 'La Jolie Ronde' programme. Each week they will learn a new aspect of Spanish language and culture through interactive lessons, activities and songs. This term they will learn about buildings on the high street; connectives; learning to ask where places are as well as days of the week and times of day.

**ICT**

In ICT the children will use Scratch and Kodu to develop their own games. They are going to create original artwork and sound for a game; design and create a computer program for a computer game, which uses sequence, selection, repetition and variables; as well as detecting and correcting errors in their computer game.

**Art**

In art we will continue to study our class artists (Turner and Thompson) and create artwork based on their style. Specifically, we will focus on sketching, as lessons are class-based.

**Homework**

Each Friday we will send out spellings for the children to be 'tested' the following Friday. We will also provide suggested home learning activities to consolidate their learning across the curriculum. If your child wishes to produce work surrounding any relevant subject taught in school and bring it in, this is always welcome.

We are excited for the opportunity to work with your children in Year 5 and hope you all stay safe and well.

Best wishes,

The Year 5 Team