

## Year 5 Newsletter – Summer 1

### Welcome

In this termly newsletter you will find out all about the exciting things we will be learning and any events coming up.

### Phonics and Reading

Whole class reading sessions will take place daily, using a variety of texts. We will focus on developing reading fluency; which children can practise at home by reading frequently.

We will also focus on comprehension skills such as inference & retrieval.

### Phonics

### Recommended reads:

War Horse – Michael Morpurgo

Robodog – David Walliams

Arthur High King of Britain – Michael Morpurgo



### Writing

This term our writing task will be writing a story using figurative language and imagery to build tension and suspense. We will then focus on reviewing the story Romeo and Juliet using drama and acting skills to enhance our writing. We will create a monologue based on the love story by Shakespeare.



### Maths

This term will be spent working on shape and measurement. We will begin to use protractors to help measure angles. We will then look at position and direction, which will include reading and plotting co-ordinates as well as translating shapes.



### Science

Our Science topic this term is 'Feel the Force'. We will begin to identify the effects of air resistance, water resistance and friction, which act between moving surfaces. We will develop our knowledge and skills in explaining that unsupported objects fall towards the Earth because of the force of gravity acting between the Earth and the falling object.



### Computing

In computing this term, we will select, use and combine a variety of software (including internet services) on a range of digital devices to design and create a range of programs, systems and content that accomplish given goals, including collecting, analysing, evaluating and presenting data and information.



### Geography/History

Our History topic this term is Anglo-Saxons. We will be learning who the Anglo-Saxons were and why they came to Britain, what the Anglo-Saxons believed in, what the Anglo-Saxons made and used to trade and explore what the Anglo-Saxons rulers did in order to keep power.





## Music

In music this term, the learning is focussing on 'Dancing In The Street' by Martha and The Vandell as well as listening to different pieces and comparing them to help understand how and why artists write their lyrics.

## PE

Our PE units this term will be Athletics and Tennis. In Athletics we will be focusing on running, throwing and jumping; learning how to improve our performance including speed, agility, coordination, balance and power. In Tennis we will practise using balance and control when hitting a ball, including while moving. We will focus on forehand and backhand shots as well as how to serve and rally.



## PSHE

Our PSHE topic this term is 'Relationships'. We will be learning about what mental health is and how to take care of it, as well as how to stay safe online.



## Design & Technology

Our Design and Technology project this term will be focussing on structures and bridges. We will identify beam and arch bridges, create a range of beam and arch bridge designs, identify stronger and weaker structures and explore different ways to reinforce structures.



## RE

This half term we will be learning about different beliefs and exploring moral values. We will investigate if people's beliefs in Karma, Samsara and Moksha help Hindus lead good lives.

## Homework Project



- Please continue using TT Rock Stars regularly, to improve your fluency with times tables and division facts.
- Continue to read regularly and use Bug Club to help with comprehension
- Please use arithmetic papers sent home and practice incorrect questions
- Research about the Anglo Saxons



**Skills Builder**

The Skills Builder Universal Framework provides a common language for building essential skills with children and young people.

Research shows that building essential skills supports social and emotional wellbeing, learning and academic outcomes and careers and opportunities



**Times Tables Rockstars**



**Spelling Shed**



**Rewards**

The children will receive 'Dojo Points' as reward for good behaviour, work and attitude. Points can be 'spent' on prizes periodically.



**Class information**

**Class Teacher:** Mr Smith

**Teaching Assistant:** Mrs Mitchell

Please remember to name your child's school jumper or cardigan. Children need a coat on colder days.

We request that all children bring a named water bottle to school every day.

Please remember if you are making your child a packed lunch, we ask you not to put anything in that contains nuts.

**Dates for the diary!**

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May – Bank Holiday

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May – King's Coronation Bank Holiday

