

# Year 5

## Class Newsletter

Spring 2020



**Happy New Year!** We hope you all had an enjoyable and relaxing Christmas. Mrs Fereday and I would like to send our sincere thanks for all the gifts and well wishes during the Christmas period. Here is some information to help you support your child with their learning at home.

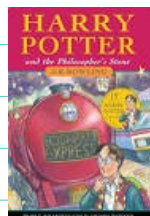
### Home Learning



Please continue to support your child's learning at home by practising their spelling challenges with them and reading regularly. Spelling challenges will now be given out on a Thursday and tested the following Thursday. Children need to read regularly at home either to an adult or independently. We are keen to hear about the books children are reading at home so please sign their reading record even if they now read independently. To support their learning in Maths, please support your child with learning their key facts for their current multiplication and division club. Please also ensure they are working on DoodleMaths daily and encourage them to use both DoodleMaths and DoodleMaths Times Tables. As a class they are determined to pass as many clubs as possible in the Spring Term.

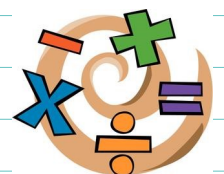
### English

This term we will be working on a range of stories and using work by the likes of J.K.Rowling and Onjali Q. Rauf to inspire us. Children will be reading a range of texts including The boy at the back of the classroom and Malamander They will begin to build on their characterisation skills and building suspense when writing an 'Over coming the monster story'.



### Maths

In Maths this term, we will first be focusing on developing our measuring and calculation skills when working out the perimeter or area of a shape. We will recap and develop our multiplication and division skills by looking at different methods and word problems. Followed by Fractions, Decimals and Percentages towards the end of the term.



### Science

In **Science** we will be studying Earth and Space, including learning about gravity and resistance. Our main focus will be the Solar System, including orbits of planets and how this impacts us on Earth.

## Geography

In Geography this term we will be looking at California. We started off the term with our Aspire Day looking at where in the world California was. Year 5 are really excited to continue to look at the different landmarks, climates and cities of California. We will also be looking at tectonic plates and the history of the San Andreas fault line.



**In Computing** we will be continuing to develop our coding skills on Scratch as well as building on our understanding of coding and encryption. We will also be continuing to develop effective research skills and our understanding of trusted and reliable sources when searching the internet safely.

In **French** we will be focusing on confidently telling the time, looking at our favourite subject and continuing to develop our conversational skills.

**Art** will link to our Science Topic where we will enhance our drawing skills and work with clay. We will also be using different paints including water colours and use pastels too.

In **D & T** we will be developing our textile skills by re-designing and creating a flag for California. They will also be cooking Pancakes with Mrs Warren and Mrs Fereday.

In **Music** this term we have a guest teacher from Oldswinford Hospital coming to help develop music within Year 5. After this we will be composing our music in groups linking to our Geography topic.



**PE** will take place on Tuesday afternoons with Mrs. Adams (specialist PE coach) We will be focusing on developing a range of game skills. We will also be developing routines within gymnastics and using our gymnastics equipment to vault and to swing. Please ensure that children have a full PE kit in school everyday– for some of our PE lessons we will be outside when other classes are in the hall and so with the cold weather, the children must have a full outdoor PE kit including joggers, fleece/ jumper and trainers.

**RE** is very exciting this term as we will be having weekly Bible Explorer sessions which are led by David Brown. We will also be looking at Christianity including the Lords' Prayer, parables such as The Lost Sheep and the Unforgiving Servant as well as a focus on Easter and the stations of the cross.

In **PSHE**, this term, we will be busy as we will be exploring a range of areas including, changes in our bodies as we grow up and safety in different environments. When learning about safety in different environments, we will focus on fire and global warming and energy choices.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me:

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Many thanks for your support,

Miss Thompson