

## Year 5 Newsletter – Spring 2

### Welcome

Welcome back to term 4, we hope you have had a lovely half term break. This term we will be very busy in class with our new learning.

### Spelling and Reading

In reading this term our class text will be *The Explorer*. We will also be reading non-fiction texts based on our learning in science, history, geography and RE.



Children on Colour Banded books are able to change their books once they have read them. You can support your child by signing and including the page numbers read in their reading record, when you listen to them read, to enable us to monitor and change books accurately.

**You can support your child's progress by listening to them read each day, this is crucial for building their reading mileage.**

**PLEASE ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILD TO GO ONTO SPELLING SHED REGULARLY TO PRACTISE THEIR WEEKLY SPELLINGS**

### Writing

In English we will be analysing and performing the classic poem, **The Highwayman**. We will also be studying **Shakespeare's Macbeth**. Finally, we will be using our knowledge gained in our geography lessons to write an essay about how **the physical features of Australia are different to the UK**.



### Maths

In maths we will continue to work on fractions. We will be multiplying fractions, finding fractions of amounts and finding the value of a whole. We will also be learning about decimals and percentages and how they relate to one another. In addition, we will be learning about the transformation of 2D shapes on a grid: primarily focusing on three movements: **reflection (flipping over a line), translation (sliding), and rotation (turning)**.



**PLEASE ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILD TO GO ONTO TT ROCKSTARS REGULARLY TO PRACTISE THEIR TIMES TABLES.**

### Science

In science, our topic this term is **Forces**. We will be looking at different types of forces such as gravity, air resistance and buoyancy.



### Computing

In computing we will look at **data and information** in flat-file databases.



## Art & Design/Design & Technology

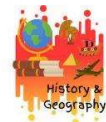
In art we will be learning about **Chinese printing and ceramics**. In DT we will be **cooking flat breads and honey cakes**.



## Geography/History

In geography this term we are studying **Australia**. We will be learning that Australia is a large and diverse country, that Canberra is the capital city and about the different biomes in Australia.

In history we will be learning about **the transatlantic slave trade**. We will look at why the slave trade developed, the conditions on board the ships for the enslaved Africans, life in America for the slaves and how the slave trade was abolished.



## Music

This term our unit is **'Beethoven's Eroica'**: the children will listen to part of Beethoven's 3rd symphony, which is known as 'Eroica', meaning 'heroic'. The children will study the opening, 'heroic' motif of the first movement of the symphony, develop their understanding of metre and triads, explore how musical notation can show both rhythm and pitch, practise reading music to play the motif on tuned percussion and then experiment playing the motif using different triads.



## PE

PE days are **Monday and Wednesday** so please remember to send your child to school dressed in PE kit on those days.

Children may stay in PE kit all day. **Long hair to be tied up and no jewellery please.** Thank you.



Topics taught this term: **Multiskills and Basketball**

## PSHE

Teaching Unit: **Healthy me**

In this unit we will look at the effects of smoking and alcohol on our bodies, how social media can promote certain body images and how to make healthy lifestyle choices.



## RE

In RE we will be asking how significant is it for Christians to believe that God intended Jesus to die?



## Reminders

As a reminder, our school uniform for key stage 2 is a white shirt with a purple cardigan/ jumper with black trousers/skirt and black shoes.

Children are expected to read at home daily. Reading records should be brought into school each Friday for Dojo points to be awarded.

### Homework Project

For their homework project this term children could research **the transatlantic slave trade ships** and make a **model or create a picture of one**. They could research a part of Australia and **create a presentation** about this or they could **make a model or draw a picture of a famous Australian landmark or animal**.



We encourage every child to spend at least 30 minutes on TT Rockstars multiplication practice a week. We also encourage your child to go onto Ed Shed for Spelling practice: **minimum 2-3 sessions each week**. We have our weekly spelling check each Thursday. Please encourage your child to read! They are expected to read at home daily. Reading records should be brought into school every day for Dojo points to be awarded.



### 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: Mrs Kamel

Teaching Assistant: Mrs Howe

Please remember to **name your child's school jumper or cardigan.**

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 23rd February – School reopens to pupils

Thursday 5th March – World Book Day

Monday 9th to Friday 13th March – Science week

Tuesday 17th March – Nursery intake meeting

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March – Class Photos

**Wednesday 18th March – Parents Consultation Evening 3pm – 6.30pm**

**Thursday 19th March – Parents Consultation Evening 3pm – 5.30pm**

Friday 20th March – Comic/Sports Relief

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March – Y5/Y6 Booknic

Friday 27th March – School closes

