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Year 5 Newsletter – Autumn 2

Welcome

Welcome back to term 2. We're eagerly anticipating all the exciting learning opportunities that await us in the coming months over this very busy term.

This newsletter details information about the second term's curriculum and what your child will be studying in the second term of Year 5. It will also give you key dates for term 2 at the bottom of the newsletter.

As a reminder:

Please remember to name your child's school jumper or cardigan and that upper Key Stage 2 uniform is **black/grey trousers/skirt, white shirt and academy tie.**

Thank you for your cooperation and support. I look forward to working with your children in Autumn term 2.
Miss Lowe

Spelling and Reading

This term we will continue to have our test spelling on a **Thursday** and new spellings will be sent home on the **Friday**. In reading we be focusing on fluency and reading for meaning.



Our class text this term will be Malamander by Thomas Taylor

Writing

In English we will be writing a fiction piece based on our class text from last term, Cosmic. We will be writing an additional chapter from a different character's point of view. We will also be writing an essay to discuss what led Britain to building an Empire.



Maths

In maths we will be working on line graphs and timetables, multiplication and division, perimeter and area.



Science

In science we will be looking at materials. We will investigate properties of different materials, solubility, separating mixtures using sieving, filtering and evaporation and looking at reversible and irreversible changes.



Computing

In computing this term we will be learning about databases and game creators.



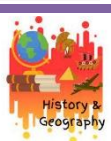
Art & Design

This term we will be studying Islamic art and architecture. We will look at the features of Islamic art and architecture as well as building such as the Alhambra Palace and Taj Mahal.



Geography/History

In geography we will be learning about mountains, volcanoes and earthquakes. We will look at mountains around the world, focussing on the Alps. We will look at how earthquakes and volcanic eruptions occur and will look at the recent earthquake in Syria and the Islandic volcanic eruptions.



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In history we will be studying the early British Empire. We will look at how the Empire developed, global trade, The Mughal Empire and the East India Company, the Seven Years War and what motivated Britain to build an Empire.

Music



This term we will continue to work on our brass instruments.



PE

In PE we will be learning to play tennis and gymnastics. PE days will continue to be on a Wednesday and a Friday,

PSHE



In PSHE we will be covering the topic 'Celebrating Differences'. This topic Includes lessons on different cultures, racism, rumours and name calling, types of bullying, asking if money matters and celebrating differences around the world.

RE



This term we will be investigating the question: is the Christmas story true? We will look at different versions of the Christmas story from different perspectives.

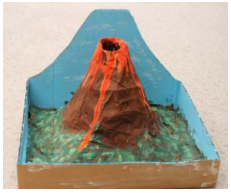
Reminders

Children are expected to read at home daily. Reading records should be brought into school each day. Dojo points will be awarded each day for the number of times the children have read. New spellings will be loaded onto Spelling Shed each Thursday. Children are expected to log on to Spelling Shed and TTRS to play the games each week. Dojo points are awarded for these too.

Homework Project



To complement our geography topic for next term children could make a model or create a drawing of a volcano and annotate its features. They could research a mountain range around the world and complete a written project on this or research a specific earthquake. Or they could research elements of the British Empire, draw maps to show countries that were in the Empire in the past compared to those in the Commonwealth now.







Dojo points will be awarded for Homework Projects – all children are expected to compete one of the projects and bring them into school by **Friday 6th November 2026.** We would love to display them on our shelves in the classroom!

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RESPECT Each Other

RESPECT Our Environment & Community

RESPECT Yourself

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: Miss Lowe

Teaching Assistant: Miss Stocker

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

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 2nd November Teacher Training Day 3 - School closed for pupils

Tuesday 3rd November School reopens for pupils

Monday 16th to Friday 20th November Anti-bullying week

Monday 16th November Reception phonics parent session

Tuesday 17th November Y1 phonics & reading parent session

Wednesday 18th November Y2 to Y6 reading parent session

Friday 20th November Children in Need

Wednesday 2nd December KS2 Carol concert 2.30pm

Thursday 3rd December KS2 Carol concert 9.30am

Tuesday 8th December Nursery Christmas session 10.30am-11.30am

Tuesday 8th December KS1 Christmas performance 2.30pm

Wednesday 9th December KS1 Christmas performance 9.30am

Wednesday 9th December Reception Christmas performance 2.30pm

Thursday 10th December Christmas Jumper Day

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Thursday 10th December Nursery Intake Meeting for new children 3.30pm
Friday 18th December Class Christmas parties
Friday 18th December School closes for Christmas

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