



Curriculum Letter for Year 5

Autumn Term 2020



General Information

Welcome to Year 5. The children have settled in well and are now familiar with the changes to routines, expectations and the timetable in Year 5. We have an exciting term ahead of us!

Curriculum

In **Maths** this term, the children will be consolidating their understanding of the four operations and using these to solve number investigations and problems. In addition to this, the children will also develop their knowledge of geometry and place value.

For **English**, we have been studying the text '*Here we are*' by Oliver Jeffers, exploring the theme of space and our place on planet Earth. Following this unit, the children will study '*Beowulf*', an Anglo-Saxon poem, allowing them to develop their narrative writing skills. Later in the term children will also learn how to write a balanced argument.

The Anglo-Saxons is our first **History** unit, learning about invasions, settlements and how archaeologists learn about the past. After half-term we will then be swapping over to our **Geography** unit, *Changes in our Local Environment. How is our country changing?* We will be focusing on how our area has looked in the past, present and the change we expect to see in the future. In **Science** our first unit is *Material World*, as the children learn about materials and how they change. They will be looking at properties of materials. Our second unit will be *Amazing Changes*, during which the children look at changes between states of matter.

In **RE** we will be learning about Buddhism and what it means to be a Buddhist. We will then be studying the topics '*What can we learn from Wisdom*' in Christianity and '*How do art and music convey Christmas?*'.

PE days

Outdoor PE is timetabled for Thursdays with Coach Romaine. All children must wear their PE kits to school. We also have additional sessions on our fantastic new climbing equipment, up to three times a week. The timetable for this is changing each week.

Reading and Spellings

It is an expectation that children read every day.

Reading at home – children may read a book from home or bring one home from school. The reading record on Microsoft Teams should be used for reading at home and will be monitored weekly by the teacher.

Reading at school – children may pick a book from the class selection and are free to change this without quarantining the book. Reading record books will be checked by staff weekly but will remain at school.

Spellings – we will be looking at a different spelling rule weekly. This may be reinforced through our spelling homework.

Homework

Homework will be set every Friday and is due in the following Wednesday. This is currently being set on Microsoft Teams. Children may also be set homework on *My Maths* or *Purple Mash* – this will be indicated on the work set on Teams. All children have been sent home with their log in details for each account.

Key Dates

Flu nasal spray immunizations – 14th October

Half term – 26th - 30th October

With God's love, we live, learn and grow together