



## Year 5 Autumn 2018 Curriculum Newsletter

### From the Year 5 Teachers

Dear mums, dads and carers

In this *Curriculum Newsletter* you can find out what your children will be learning this term, between now and Christmas.

This term, children have made an excellent start to the new school year. Your children have embraced the new school values which have been introduced and also look very smart, both in their uniform and PE kit.

Thank you for this!

If you would like further information about your child's curriculum and learning for this term then please get in touch with us and we will be glad to help,

**Mr Llewelyn** (5 Perseus) and **Mr Osborne** (5 Hercules teacher and Year 5 Leader)

Some key dates for Year 5 for this term are:

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| Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> October       | Donations for Harvest Festival to be sent into school for Wednesday's assembly                  |
| Weds 3 <sup>rd</sup> October         | Harvest Festival  |
| Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> October    | School photographs (individual and siblings) – full uniform required                            |
| Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> October      | Years 3-5 flu spray vaccinations  |
| <b>Monday 22 - Friday 26 October</b> | <b>Half Term</b>  |
| Week of Mon 29 <sup>th</sup> October | RE week (including Year 5 Mandir visit)   |
| Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> November     | Years 3-5 reports sent home   |
| Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> November     | Children in need (non-uniform day for donation of £1.00)  |
| Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> November    | Hat making morning  |
| Weds 28 <sup>th</sup> November       | <a href="#">Parents consultation evening for Years 3 - 5</a> (3:45pm – 5:15pm, 5:45pm – 7:30pm) |
| Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December      | Christmas postbox in Reception – please put full name & class on envelopes                      |
| Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> December      | Year 5 Guitar performance 2:15pm  |
| Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December  | Christmas dinner and Christmas Jumper Day (£1 donation to Save the Children)                    |
| Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> December     | <a href="#">Year 5 Christmas Play</a> (Children arrive 6.00pm for a 6:30pm performance)         |
| Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> December     | Last day of term  |



## Core Subjects

### English and Literacy

#### Reading

We have been reading – *There's a Boy In the Girls' Bathroom* by Louis Sachar. The children have thoroughly enjoyed the story so far. Please ensure that your child reads to an adult at least three times a week (more is better) and that this is recorded in the home/school book.

#### Writing

The children will be writing in a variety of styles between now and Christmas: journal entries, reports, poetry and alternative endings to famous stories will all be studied. As we work through these genres the class will have the opportunity to read examples, identify key parts, draft, plan and edit their work. Once they have planned and drafted the children then get the opportunity to write in their 'special' red books.

#### Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar

Children will be given a list of spellings each week to learn at home, these will be based on the rules children are required to learn in Year 5. Children will be tested on a weekly basis.

### Maths and Numeracy

We shall be developing the children's ability to use mental and written methods of calculation. The children will also be developing their ability to reason and solve problems within mathematics.

### Science

This term the topic is *Materials*; we will be planning, conducting and evaluating a variety of experiments within this subject.

## Foundation Subjects

### Topic (History and Geography)

Our topic this term is Ancient Egypt; we shall be learning about the importance of the river Nile, Egyptian gods and special Egyptian artefacts.



### Art and Design Technology

We shall be looking at a variety of famous still life artists. The children will then be given time to practise the different sketching techniques and then plan and create their own still life art.



### Computing

We shall be researching Egypt and learning about programming.

### French

The children will be looking at improving their French greetings and also learning how to describe themselves and others.

### Music

We shall be learning to play simple chords on the guitar.



### Physical Education and Sport

The children will be participating in rugby and netball. They will also be taught about the importance of warming up and down for sport.

### Religious Education

This term the children will be learning about Hinduism; we will be visiting a local temple learning about Hindu gods, studying Hindu festivals and also reading some famous Hindu stories.

### Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE)

This term the children will be learning how to stay fit and healthy and studying how people change as they grow.

## Homework.

Each week your child will be given either Maths or English. They will also be expected to read at least three times per week.