



Mercury class (Year 5) **Autumn Term 2 Newsletter**



A warm 'Welcome back' to all of our children – we hope you all had an enjoyable week.

Your teaching team is Mrs Morris, Miss Hinchcliffe and Mrs Warner.

Curriculum: This is what we will be covering this term.

English: Our World War One theme continues and this term we will be writing poetry, diary entries, persuasive texts and newspaper reports all linked to our theme. Punctuation and grammar will be taught discretely, and as part of our English lessons. We will also listen to and read a range of texts linked to our theme. During our Book Talk sessions, we will discuss books we read together, drawing inferences such as inferring characters feelings, thoughts and motives from their actions, and justifying inferences with evidence. Spelling rules will be taught and the associated spellings will be given weekly to learn and tested on Mondays. We will also be practising chosen high frequency word spellings daily in class to improve accuracy.

Mathematics: We will solve comparison, sum and difference problems using information presented in line graphs, complete, read and interpret information in tables including timetables, revisit multiplication and division focusing on common factors, Prime numbers, square numbers, cube numbers, multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1,000, multiples of 10, 100 and 1,000, measure and calculate perimeter and area, including area of rectangles, area of compound shapes, area of irregular shapes, and use mathematics across the curriculum, particularly in science and D & T.

Science: Our focus will be 'Earth and Space'.

RE: Continue our unit on Sikhism in Britain: What does it mean to be a Sikh in Britain today?

PE: Swimming, Sportshall Athletics and Real Gym.

PE lessons will take place on **Mondays** and **Wednesdays**. We will be swimming from the 29th October until Easter. Children will need a suitable swimming costume/trunks and a swimming hat. Outside of swimming, PE lessons will be a combination of indoor and outdoor sessions and your child's **full PE kit** should be in school at all times. Please note earrings and jewellery should be removed and children will need suitable footwear for outdoor lessons (field and playground). Long hair should be tied back; please ensure children have their own scrunchie for this.

Homework:

Reading practice – please try to listen to your child read aloud at least three times a week. If you have read with your child, please make a note to this effect in their planner.

DAILY times tables practice – you could do this whilst walking to and from school (try and say a times table in time to your footsteps; it is a good way for children to learn to recite them quickly). We will be focusing on one table each week in class.

Written homework – children will be expected to complete a task every week in either English or mathematics. They will also be expected to complete two tasks from the themed grid in their homework books over the term.

Spellings – these will be given and tested weekly on Mondays.

Home-School communication:

We will always ask children to put **letters home** into their bags, so please check these daily. If your child is absent we will endeavour to 'name' any letters they miss and ensure they get them on their return to school. Failing that, spare copies will be available from the office.

If you have any comments or questions relating to your child's learning and wellbeing, please do not hesitate to speak to us in the morning or afternoon on the playground. If you need to speak confidentially, please let us know and we can ensure an appropriate time and place for this. Mrs Morris is also contactable by email lmorris@crick.northants.sch.uk, please email if you feel it is appropriate; emails will be replied to as soon as possible.

We look forward to continuing to work alongside you in support of your child's education.
Mrs Morris, Miss Hinchcliffe and Mrs Warner.

Dates for your diary:

1st November – Visit to Jubilee Wood

15th November – WW1 themed day

5th December – Visit to the Imperial War Museum, London

15th December – Christingle Service

17th December – Mercury Class open afternoon