



# YEAR 5 NEWSLETTER

## Autumn 2017

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Year 5! I trust that you had a lovely summer. It has been great to see the children return safe and sound and pleasing to see them looking refreshed, smart and eager!

This letter contains some information about the learning we will be completing during the autumn term. I hope you will find it both informative and useful. There are also some details about homework routines.

Please come and speak with me if you have any queries or concerns. Mr Kay

### English

Our focus will be on:

- ⇒ Grammar, punctuation and spelling.
- ⇒ Narrative and non-fiction linked to our topics.
- ⇒ Poetry.
- ⇒ Comprehension.



### Maths

We will be focusing on:

- ⇒ Number and Place Value
- ⇒ Mental calculation
- ⇒ Statistics
- ⇒ Measurement
- ⇒ Fractions, ratio and proportion
- ⇒ Problem solving



### R.E.

This term we will focus on Creation, Baptism, Miracles & The Sacrament of the Sick and Advent.



### Reading

Regular reading is very

important for all children, to develop skills in all areas of learning.

We will hear each child read at least once each week.

Children are expected to comment in their records as they read, and an adult at home should sign them to show that they have heard them read.

Please encourage your children to read a variety of genre and especially to read for pleasure!



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- Log on to practise English and Maths skills at home.

P.E. lessons will be taught by Soccer Coaching 2000 on Tuesday p.m. Please make sure that PE kit is left in school and all items are labelled with the children's names.



## Science

This term in science we will be studying 'Earth and Space'.

We will also be thinking about famous scientists and inventors.



## ICT



We will be learning about internet research, web design and E-Safety.



## Geography

After half term we will be looking at Mexico. Children may want to start researching this information soon.

## Art/DT

This term we will be looking Tapes-try, linked to our History work focusing on the Bayeux Tapestry.

## Music

Before half term we will be studying a classic rock song and after half term we will be indulging in some Classroom Jazz.

## History

We will learn about the Normans. Looking at the Battle of Hastings, Motte & Bailey Castles, the Bayeux Tapestry and the Domesday Book.

The children will be asked to complete a project for after half term all about the Normans. More information to follow...

## Fruit and Milk

- We encourage children to bring in a named water bottle to drink from, at break times and after P.E. Please ensure that it has an easy-drink cap to limit any spillages.
- Children can also bring a fruit snack each day.

## Homework—Key Information—please note the changes!

**English/Maths: Based on a 3 Weekly Cycle to encourage use of Online Active learn tasks: The following activities will be set on Fridays.**

Week 1 Reading comprehension & Maths online

Week 2 Writing Activity & Maths online

Week 3 Maths activity & GPS online

Homework should be handed in the following Wednesday (please note—in line with the new homework policy late homework will not be marked.)

**Spelling test**— is on a **Wednesday** and new spellings will be sent out on **Wednesdays**. **Times tables**—It is important for children to practise Mental arithmetic skills

regularly, particularly multiplication tables and the related division facts (up to 12x12).



## Patron Saint

St Catherine of Alexandria is Year 5's Patron Saint.

St Catherine: **pray for us.**

## REMINDERS

- ⇒ PLEASE check that all uniform, PE kit, outdoor clothing and bags (including shoes) are clearly labelled with your child's name.
  - ⇒ PLEASE make sure that nail varnish and tattoos are removed.
- Thank you.