



# Year 5 Newsletter Summer 2018

## Welcome Back, Year 5!

Dear parents,

Happy New Year! We hope you all had a lovely Easter holiday.

Mr Kay sends his thanks to you and your children for the lovely Easter cards and gifts he received at the end of last term.

This term, in Year 5, we aim to work very hard in preparation for becoming Year 6 pupils next term.... (hasn't that come around quickly...?)

Therefore, we will be raising our expectations of each pupil's approach to their learning, e.g. arriving prepared, handing in homework on time, taking pride in their own appearance and the presentation of each piece of work to ensure the children are well prepared for entering Year 6 in the next academic year.

Thank you for your continued Support.



Mrs McHale and Mrs Bradley, on behalf of Mr Kay.

## Reading

*Regular reading is very important for all children, to develop skills in all areas of learning.*

Children are expected to comment in their records as they read—using their Reciprocal Reading bookmarks to support this—and an adult at home should sign the record to show that they have heard them read at least once a week.

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



## English

Our focus will be on:

- ⇒ Grammar, punctuation and spelling.
- ⇒ Non-fiction texts (based on explorers)
- ⇒ Fiction texts (based on Greek myths)
- ⇒ Performance Poetry.
- ⇒ Persuasive writing, speaking and listening (based on advertising)
- ⇒ Reading and comprehension skills.

## Maths We will be focusing on:

- ⇒ Number and place value
- ⇒ Mental calculation & arithmetic
- ⇒ Decimals, percentages, ratio and fractions
- ⇒ Written multiplication and division
- ⇒ Perimeter and area of composite shapes
- ⇒ Position and direction
- ⇒ Fractions, ratio and proportion
- ⇒ Problem solving and reasoning



## R.E.

**This term, our whole school values and virtues are: "Grateful and Generous" and "Attentive and Discerning"**

In Year 5, we will study: "Easter", "Pentecost", "The Work of the Apostles", "Marriage and Holy Orders".

Our World Religion: Sikhism

## P.E.

This term's topics are: swimming and athletics.  
**Please make sure that P.E. kits are in school all week.**

Swimming will be on Thursdays.

[www.activelearnprimary.co.uk](http://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk)

Log on to practise skills at home.

All pupils have been given their login details and some homework will be set on these sites this term.





## Science

This term our topics are: "Properties of Materials" and "Animals including Humans"



## French

This term, Year 5 will focus on the topics "That's Tasty!" and "Time Travelling".



## Computing

We will be learning about e-safety and digital citizenship.

We will use ICT skills within our topic and Faith work.



## Homework

**English/Maths: English and Maths** will be sent out each Friday and is due in on the following **Wednesday** morning.

**Spelling test**— is on each **Wednesday** and new spellings have been sent out for the whole term last week.

**Reading**—Children must have their reading books and reading records in school **every day**.

**Times tables**—It is important for children to practise mental arithmetic skills regularly, particularly multiplication tables up to 12 x 12 and the related division facts.

**Speed tables tests and number club tests happen weekly.**

## Topic

Year 5's topics this term are

History: Modern Britain

Geography: The Local Area

We will learn about more modern periods in British history including 1960s.

We will develop our map-reading skills and learn about physical and human geography.

We hope to visit Tamworth Castle to enrich their Spring Term topic: The English Civil War.

Further information will follow.

## Snacks & Drinks



We encourage children to bring in a named water bottle to drink from throughout the day.

Please ensure that it has an easy-drink cap to limit any spillages.

Children can also bring a fruit / vegetable snack each day.

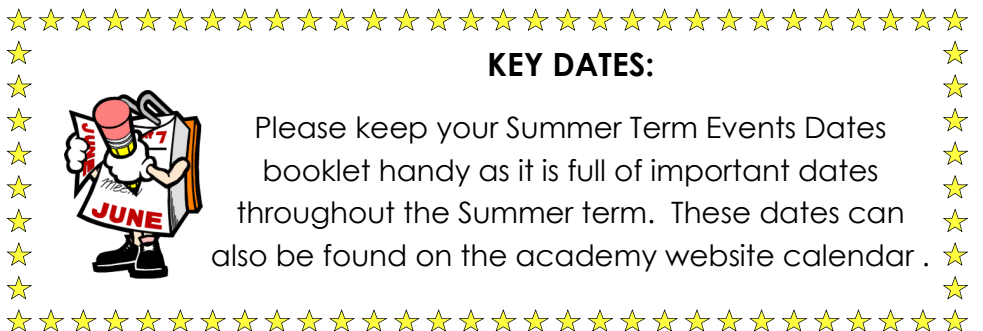


## Art/D.T.

This term for Art/D.T. we will study Pop Art, and make bird boxes.



St Catherine of Alexandria:  
**Pray for us.**



## KEY DATES:



Please keep your Summer Term Events Dates booklet handy as it is full of important dates throughout the Summer term. These dates can also be found on the academy website calendar.



*Praise the Lord in Work, Play and Prayer.*

