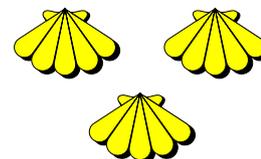


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## Autumn 2017 Newsletter

### Year 5 - Blue Class

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Year 5 and another exciting term. I hope you had a great summer holiday and are looking forward to the year ahead. I am really looking forward to working with you and your children this year. Here is a brief outline of the main topics we will be covering this term.

Reading is an important part of your child's learning. Please continue to read with your child **at least 5 times each week** - it really does make a difference to your child's development. Please take the time to talk to your child about what they have read - comprehension is as important as identifying the words themselves. In school, the children will read twice a week with an adult through guided reading. During this time they will work on various reading and comprehension skills.

In English we will be working to develop our skills in narrative writing, poetry and biography writing. Spelling, grammar and handwriting will also be taught on a regular basis. The children will continue with Big Writing in order to further develop their independent writing skills. In the first two weeks we will be reading *The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe*. We will be using this story to further inspire and develop the children's writing.

In Maths we will be looking at addition and subtraction in many forms and be describing and visualising 3D and 2D shapes. We will suggest suitable units and measuring equipment to estimate or measure length, mass and capacity. We will develop strategies to count on and back in repeated steps of different numbers. We will use all four operations to solve word problems involving money and measures. We will also be looking at multiplication, division, fractions, decimals and percentages. A sound knowledge of times tables, up to and including times twelve, is essential and any opportunity for your child to practise their times tables will be of considerable benefit to them across a range of maths topics.

We will begin with the unit 'Earth and Space' in Science. Within this unit we will look at the movement of the Earth in relation to the sun and other planets. We will be exploring the way in which the movement of the Earth determines day and night and the seasons. I am very excited as we have booked for the Science Dome to come into school on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November. The children will have the opportunity to take part in various workshops.



In RE the children will begin to learn about Judaism and Christianity and how they are similar and different to each other. In the lead up to Christmas we will look in detail at the events surrounding the birth of Christ and the significance of Advent as time of preparation.

In Art we will be concentrating on the artist Pablo Picasso and 'Cubism'. We will have a close look at his life and various styles of his work.

In ICT the children will analyse and evaluate a range of digital films and animations, understanding how film and animation can be used to inform, persuade and entertain targeted audiences. The children will create their own animations using a program called Scratch. They will also create their i-movie trailer linked to our Science topic.

In Geography we will begin to develop a greater knowledge of North America using maps to focus on the key physical features and major cities.

For our History topic we will look at Ancient Egypt, concentrating on where and when this ancient civilisation first appeared and what their achievements were. We will have History off The Page visit us to enrich our learning on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November.

Mrs White will continue to work with the children every Wednesday on stringed instruments.

In P.E. we will be developing our skills within dance and gymnastics. Please make sure that your child has the correct PE kit, royal blue T-shirt, navy shorts or skorts and plimsolls or trainers, all clearly labelled. As the weather becomes colder, you may wish to provide your child with jogging bottoms too. Swimming will take place after half term - letters will be sent home nearer the time. Please have hair tied back and earrings removed.

We will be learning French each week using learning games, songs and drama to learn simple phrases and vocabulary as well investigating French culture.

Homework will continue this year. Homework will be given out on a Monday and needs to be returned on Friday please. Spellings will be given to the children and they will be tested on these each week. Projects will continue this year and they will be based on topics being studied at school. I will give more information on these nearer the time.

Please continue to provide your child with fruit or vegetables for snack each day and they will also need a water bottle too please.

As always, if you ever have any concerns please do not hesitate to contact me to arrange a mutual time to meet.

I look forward to a great year with you all.

Yours sincerely,

**Mrs Collins**  
Class Teacher

