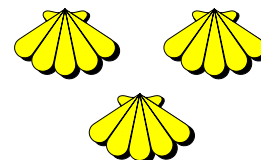


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Autumn 2024 Newsletter

Year 5 - Blue Class

Dear Parents and Carers

We hope you had a lovely relaxing summer holiday and are ready for a fantastic start to Year 5! We have some great topics this autumn term; here is a brief outline.

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! We will monitor the records every Friday. Please take the time to talk to your child about what they have read. During our reading lessons, we will be reading Shackleton's Journey by William Grill. This beautifully illustrated book tells of Ernest Shackleton's incredible expedition as he attempted to cross Antarctica. Secrets of a Sun King by Emma Carroll is another book we will be reading which Set in 1922. The story simultaneously tells of Howard Carter's search for the tomb of Tutankhamun and the adventures of the main character, Lil, who opens a mysterious package found on her grandfather's doorstep. We will be reading 'The Lion, the Witch and the wardrobe' by C. S. Lewis and use this to inspire our writing.

In **English**, we will be working to develop our skills in fiction writing, focusing on traditional tales, helping us to develop our setting and character descriptions and narrative writing. For our non-fiction topics, we will be analysing a range of formal letter writing, explanation and balanced arguments and will be using these to help write our own. The children will continue with Big Writing in order to further develop their independent writing and editing skills. **Spelling, grammar and handwriting** will also be taught on a regular basis.

In **Maths** we will be extending our knowledge of place value by exploring Roman numerals to 1,000, and the symbols D (500) and M (1,000) are introduced. They will be reading, writing and comparing numbers to 1,000,000 and will learn how to round to the nearest 10, 100 or 1,000. They will add and subtract whole numbers with more than four digits. In our multiplication and division unit they will learn about prime, square and cube numbers and multiply and divide numbers by 10, 100 and 1,000. We will end the term with our fractions unit and will be adding, subtracting, ordering and comparing fractions.

In **Science** we will begin with an exciting unit exploring the effects of forces such as air resistance, water resistance, gravity and friction. Later in the term, we will learn about Earth and space as we develop our understanding of Earth, the moon and other planets.

In **RE** the children will be discussing the questions: Why is the gospel such good news for Christians? How do Christians show their belief that Jesus is God incarnate?



In PSHE we discuss what it is like 'Being in our World' and we 'Celebrate differences'. We also work hard to gain our Young Leaders Award. This involves us making a difference to the wider community and planning projects. Some fun work will be sent home to help gain this award.

In **Art** our topic is called: 'I need space' and we will be explaining what retrofuturism is. They will be recording their plans, ideas and evaluations to develop their ideas towards an outcome and will be experimenting with techniques used by other artists.

After half term in **DT**, our topic is about making electrical systems. They will learn how motors are used in electrical products. They will then investigate an existing product to determine the factors that affect the product's form and function and apply the findings from their research to develop a unique product.

In **Computing**, the children will begin with online safety units and we will be learning about how to use spreadsheets.

In **History**, the children will be exploring the Ancient Greeks. This will involve the study of Greek life, their achievements and their influence on the western world.

Our **Geography** topic this term will be World cities, biomes and environmental regions.

In **PE** the children will be developing their skills in tag rugby, health related exercise and we have a wonderful opportunity with Herts County Cricket coming in to do some sessions. 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. You may also wish to provide your child with jogging bottoms too.

We will be learning **French** each week. Our first topic is about animals, where the children will learn words and phrases through lots of speaking activities and games. After half term we will be learning how to talk about the date and will learn the days and months of the year in French.

In **Music** the children will learn to play a string instrument every week as well as exploring other musical instruments with Mrs Earl. We continue to use Charanga and will be focusing on Rock and Roll and Jazz.

Homework will be given out on a Friday to be returned on the following Wednesday please. Generally, there will be two pieces of homework - one sent home in their homework book and the other set on J2E. Please continue to support your child in completing their homework each week.

Please continue to provide your child with fruit or vegetables for snack each day and they will also need a water bottle with a lift up lid (not a screw cap) too.

As always, if you ever have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us via the office to arrange a mutually convenient time to discuss.

We look forward to the children having a great term.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Sadler

