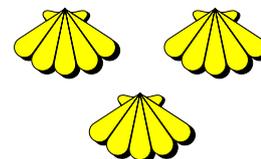


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Year 5 - Blue Class

Dear Parents and Carers

We hope you had a lovely Christmas holiday and are ready for another fantastic term in Year 5! We have some great topics this 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 lessons, we will be reading 'Private Peaceful' by Michael Morpurgo. Later in the term, we will be reading 'Oranges in No Man's land' by Elizabeth Laird and using this story to further inspire and develop the children's writing.

In **English**, we will be working to develop our skills in fiction writing, focusing on mystery and suspense stories. For our non-fiction topics, we will be analysing a range of persuasion texts and biographies and will be using these to help write our own. I am sure they will enjoy our rap writing unit. 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 learning how to add, subtract, multiply and order fractions with different denominators. During our percentages unit, we learn how to calculate percentages of amounts. We will be converting units of measurements and calculating the area and perimeter of shapes. During our shape sessions, we will be naming different 2D and 3D shapes, focusing on reflecting and translating them. Our assessment at the start of the lessons will clearly show the progress we will be making in maths.

In **Science** we will be exploring properties and changes of materials. We will learn that some materials will dissolve in liquid to form a solution, and describe how to recover a substance from a solution. We will use our knowledge of solids, liquids and gases to decide how mixtures might be separated, including through filtering, sieving and evaporating as well as exploring what is meant by reversible and irreversible changes.



In **RE** the children will be researching Judaism in the first half of the term. They will explore different Jewish traditions and learn what it means to be a Jew. In the second half of the term, they will explore the Christian concept Salvation and investigate the question: What did Jesus do to save Human beings?

In **Art** we will be developing our painting skills, inspired by the work of famous artists including Frida Kahlo. Later in the term, for our DT project, we will be designing and building Construction Buggies with motors, bulbs and switches.

In **Computing**, the children will be exploring spreadsheets by using formulae within a spreadsheet to convert measurements of length and distance. They will also use a spreadsheet to model a real-life problem. Additionally, in our databases unit, we will learn how to search for information in a database and finally create our own databases.

In **History**, the children will learn about the Vikings, and consider the reasons why they raided and then settled in Britain. They will investigate the popular view of the Vikings as raiders, ruthless in their ways of obtaining wealth. They will study primary sources of evidence, such as accounts by monks of the raid on Lindisfarne, as well as archaeological finds, to understand why this interpretation of the Vikings has become so popular. We are looking forward to our History off the Page day.

After half term, in **Geography**, the children will learn about the Alpine region of Europe, how the Alps were formed and how homes are adapted to the climate. They will explain mountain formation, design an Alpine home, and produce literature for visitors to the area using geographical vocabulary.

In **PE** the children will be developing their skills in gymnastics and rugby. For the rugby lessons, the children will need outdoor clothing and a pair of trainers that will get muddy over the next few weeks. Additionally, we will have swimming lessons in the first half term. Please see the separate letter sent out for more information on swimming. Please make sure that your child has the correct PE kit, royal blue T-shirt, navy shorts or skorts and trainers, all clearly labelled. You may also wish to provide your child with jogging bottoms or tracksuit too.

We will be learning **French** each week. Our first topic is about the weather, where the children will learn words and phrases through lots of speaking and games. Our topic after half term is clothes. In **Music** the children will learn to play a string instrument every week as well as exploring other musical instruments and singing with Mrs Earl.

Homework will continue to be given out on a Friday to be returned on the following Wednesday. Please continue to provide your child with fruit or vegetables for snack each day and they will also need a filled water bottle too with a lift up lid, not a screw cap as these easily spill.

As always, if you ever have any concerns please do not hesitate to contact us to arrange a mutually convenient time to discuss things. We look forward to the children having another great term.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Harrison and Mrs Siggers
Blue Class teachers

