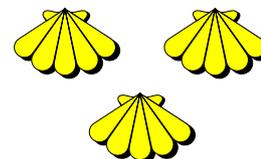


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Autumn Newsletter

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 ERIC lessons, we will be reading 'The Lion, the Witch and the wardrobe' by C. S. Lewis. Later in the term, we will be using our topic of Space to do reading around the topic and using these stories to further inspire and develop the children's 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 instruction, explanation and biographies 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 looking at the place value of whole numbers and numbers with up to three decimal places, negative numbers and the rounding of large numbers. We will be focusing greatly on the methods used for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We will end the term with a fractions unit, where the children will learn more about equivalent fractions, ordering fractions and adding and subtracting them.

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 question: What kind of world did Jesus want? During this, we will be reading different parables and presenting our work in different ways. After half term, we will be investigating: 'Was Jesus the Messiah?'

In **Art** and **DT** we will start the year by developing our drawing skills. We will be exploring the work of Keith Haring and taking inspiration from his artwork when creating our own pieces.



In **Computing**, the children will begin with a coding unit where they will create a program which represents a physical system. We will also be exploring the importance of online safety using the SMART rules. Additionally, we will be learning about how to use spreadsheets.

In **History**, the children will learn about the world of the Anglo-Saxons. They will consider why they came to Britain and whether the period deserves to be called the 'Dark Ages'. Throughout the unit, there is a strong focus on the range of sources that provide us with evidence about the people living at that time. The children will examine archaeological evidence, such as the Sutton Hoo ship burial and the Staffordshire hoard, while using written evidence from the time, including Beowulf, to provide context for the archaeological finds.

After half term, the **Geography** topic will be 'changes in our local environment.' In this unit, the children will find out about the regions of the UK, discovering how some of these areas have changed over time. The children will research how specific areas of the UK have been affected by change, before conducting a fieldwork activity on their own area.

In **PE** the children will be developing their skills in tag rugby, health related exercise and we have had the wonderful opportunity with Herts County Cricket coming in to do sessions with the children and dance. 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.

In **Music** the children will learn to play a string instrument every week as well as exploring other musical instruments with Mrs Earl.

Homework will be given out on a Friday to be returned on the following Wednesday please.

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. We are all very excited!

Yours sincerely,

Mr Pickering
Class teacher

