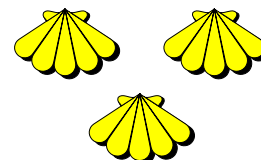


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Autumn Newsletter

Year 5 - Blue Class

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to another exciting term. I hope you had a great summer holiday and are looking forward to the year ahead.

Here is a brief outline of the main topics we will be covering this term.

In English we will be working to develop our skills in narrative writing, poetry and biography writing. Guided Reading sessions will continue each week, where the children will continue to develop their reading and comprehension skills. Spelling 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. We will be reading 'Friend or Foe' by Michael Morpurgo and using this story to further inspire and develop the children's writing. We look forward to having an author share their book with us in October and doing some writing activities and to celebrate Roald Dahl Day and poetry week during the term.

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 and 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.

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 'Impressionist Movement' with a close look at the life and work of the artist Vincent Van Gogh.

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.

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 to enrich our learning on Tuesday 8th November.

Mrs White will continue to work with the Wider Opportunities children every Wednesday. They will have another music lesson with Mrs Hundley where they will learn other basic musical skills.

In P.E. we will be developing our skills within tag-rugby 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. We will also be having a visit from a GB athlete and have a chance to do a sponsored activity. We will also have a fruit workshop organised by Herts Catering.

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. Those children not achieving at least 8/10 each week will join the spelling club that week to secure their learning so please help your child learn them at home. Please continue to read with your child **at least 5 times each week**. It really does make a difference to your child's development. 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,

Mr Gallagher
Class Teacher

