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### Year 5 Autumn Term 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

First of all, we would like to extend a warm welcome back and hope that you have all had a lovely, relaxing summer holiday.

Reading is an integral part of a child's develop and needs to be maintained as they move into Year 5. As always, taking the time to discuss what your child is reading with them is of great value; not only does it ensure they are fully understanding what they are reading but it helps them to communicate their ideas and opinions. Reading books will be changed on a Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. Please ensure that all records are brought in on these days. We are also putting a greater focus on spellings. We are addressing this in school with the continuation of implementing a spelling scheme but would also appreciate your support at home with their weekly list.

In Numeracy, we will be focusing mostly on place value, number and developing addition and subtractions skills at the beginning of the term. During the second half of the term, we will further skills with multiplication and division as well as starting to look at fractions, including finding equivalents and adding and subtracting fractions. Children will once again be working at home on their Schofield and Simms Mental Maths books- please guide your child with this if necessary and encourage them to show their working out. Support will always be given in school when needed with any difficulties, but it is important that children make the effort and have a think about how to go about answering the questions themselves.

In English this term, one of the main focuses for this academic year, throughout the school, will involve developing grammar skills. We will be adopting a new approach to grammar teaching which involves an individual textbook for each child and a weekly opportunity for children to review their grammar learning so it can be more deeply embedded and more easily applied in their daily work. Reading will continue to be at the heart of all learning and, as always, we encourage you to get involved with your children's reading by sharing and discussing their latest book. Just because a child is a fluent, independent reader, it does not mean they no longer need the valuable book talk which is so important that parents support their children with.

The overall topics for year 5 this term will be Britain at War and Investigating Our World. These will encompass many different elements of the curriculum. In Britain at War, we will explore the causes, events and consequences of the First and Second World Wars, the influence of new inventions on warfare, how life in Great Britain was affected and the legacy of the wars in the post-war period.





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In Science lessons, pupils will be completing the topics of 'Properties and changes in materials' (chemistry) and 'Earth and Space' (physics). During these lessons, the children will learn to recognise the properties of a variety of materials, as well as recognising different ways to separate mixtures. They will also be introduced to soluble and insoluble materials. After half term, we will be exploring the different planets and our solar system.

Computing lessons will involve the children using Purple Mash and learning to code. E-safety sessions will also be delivered regularly with the focus on staying safe online.

In P.E. this term, Year 5 will be learning netball and developing their fitness through circuit training.

In RE we will begin by furthering our understanding of Buddhism before moving on to Christianity. We will explore the big questions of 'What is the best way for a Buddhist to show commitment to their beliefs?' and 'Is the Christmas story true?'

We will be covering new units in PSHE which will help the children to develop an understanding of 'being me in my world', which will involve setting targets for the year, and also 'celebrating difference'.

### **What happens when?**

**Monday** - Spelling tests will be completed on a Monday. New spellings will be given to the children. Reading books changed.

**Tuesday – PE.** Reading books changed. PE (netball outside for both classes).

**Wednesday – PE** (Circuits – inside – both classes).

**Thursday** – Reading books changed.

**Friday** - Maths homework will be given out and needs to be in school by the following Thursday (those pupils who need help with any questions are encouraged to bring in their work earlier so it can be discussed with a teacher).

Homework club at lunchtime for those who haven't read three times or completed their Maths homework.

Should you have any queries, please email us:

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Yours sincerely,





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