

# Year 5 Autumn 1 Newsletter 2023

Welcome back! I hope everyone had a wonderful six weeks off. It is lovely that I am moving up with the same class this year, so I am really looking forwards to seeing you all again very soon, for another fantastic year of learning.

I hope that any questions you have about this term will be answered in this newsletter, but if you are unsure about anything or wish to speak to me for any reason, please don't hesitate to catch me at the end of the day or arrange an appointment with the school office.

Miss Bower



Our school value we are focusing on this term is respect.

## PE

This term, Year 5 will have PE every Thursday morning, Please ensure that children come in wearing the correct uniform for PE. This includes a plain blue t-shirt, a plain blue sweatshirt (this can be the school jumper) black, dark grey or dark blue shorts or joggers, and trainers. This uniform **must not be branded**.

We will also be swimming every Thursday afternoon. Children need to come with a swimming costume, swimming cap if you have one, and a towel.

No earrings should be worn on PE or swimming days.

## Homework

Every Friday, homework will be set to go home and must be completed by the following Thursday.

Children should go on Times Table Rockstars as often as possible ideally, but at least three times per week. This will be checked regularly.

Children are expected to read at home four times a week, for 20 minutes each time, by Friday and this must be signed off by an adult in their homework diaries. This is checked regularly.

It is always best if an adult reads with them, as this really helps with their comprehension and understanding.

## Maths

This half-term the children will learn about place value up to 1,000,000. This means knowing the value and difference between, ones, tens, hundreds, thousands, tens of thousand and hundreds of thousands, and how they are placed in a number. They will also learn how to write numbers up to 1,000,000.

## Writing Skills

This half-term we will learn how to write a biography, with a focus on writing a biography for Sir David Attenborough. We will then write an adventure story, inspired by *The Explorer* by Katherine Rundell. We will finish writing this term by writing a non-chronological report on emperor penguins.

## Reading Skills

This term we will begin reading *The Tigers in the Tower*, by Cressida Cowell. We will be engaging with and reflecting on the text.

## History

This term we will learn about the history of Baghdad in 900CE, and its influence on culture, learning and philosophy.

## Geography

This term we will begin learning about Spatial Sense. This means that the children will be developing an understanding of how to read and understand maps, use compasses, and have a better awareness of the world around them.

## Science

This term we are looking at the human body. We will be learning about the key growth stages for humans, from conception to old age.

## RE

This term, we are continuing our learning about Hinduism, with a particular focus on how a Hindu's worldview impacts their beliefs, the way they live and the way they think.

## Art and Design Technology

In art this term, we will be looking at style. This includes learning about how an artist expresses the meaning or motivation behind a piece of art.

## Computing

In computing this term, the children will be learning about E-Safety, as well as learning about how to use search engines effectively and safely.

We will continue working with the Elite sports coach, Miss King, this half-term, who will be teaching the class how to play football. The children will also be swimming on Thursday afternoons.

## French

In Modern Foreign Languages, we will be learning how to talk about what pets we do and do not have in French.

## PSHE

Year 5 will participate in regular PSHE sessions which encourage positive learning behaviours as well as looking after their social, emotional and physical well-being.