

# Year 5 Curriculum Newsletter – Autumn 1 2023

Dear families,

We (Mrs Williams and Miss Luck) are delighted to welcome to you to Year 5! We are so excited to get to know and teach your child – we have lots of fun and exciting learning planned for the year! We have a lot of exciting and new topics to teach this year that will result in some wonderful and creative discussions and pieces of work. Peake class are reading 'Quiet Storm' this half term and their Reading for Pleasure book and Sharman class will be reading 'The Explorer'. We would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone how important reading at home is and that we are looking forward to hearing about what the children have been reading at home.

**English:-** In our Talk For Writing units this half term we will be **writing a set of instructions** based on our History unit. We will be looking at skills such as **time conjunctions, imperative verbs, expanded noun phrases and rhetorical questions**. Reading a variety of instructions, from board game rules to recipes will help to improve children's understanding and application of these skills.

**Maths:-** We will be focussing on developing our understanding of **place value in numbers to a million** during this term. Your child should be able to **compare, order and round numbers to 1,000,000 as well as being able to say the value of each digit. We will also be working on increasing multiplication knowledge throughout the year.** Your child should aim to use **Time Tables Rockstars as often as possible**. Please speak to their class teacher if you need any help logging in.

**History: -** Our History unit this term is '**What was life like in Tudor England?**' This will involve looking and examining primary sources to help us gain a better understanding of the past. We will be investigating the Reformation and dissolution of the monasteries, Elizabeth I's royal progress throughout England and how inventories can help us learn about the lives of the past. We will be looking at individual such as 'John Blanke' and 'Cattelena of Almondsbury.'

**Reading:** In Reading this half term we are looking at 'FaRther' a book based on a father and son relationship, where the father is obsessed with flying. The father is then sent off to War and his son must decide whether to carry on his obsession. The theme is 'Away from Home' so the children will also be looking at First World War poetry and letters before being set the task of writing their own. We ask that your child reads **at least 3 times per week** and that this is recorded in their reading record.

**Computing:-**

In computing this half term, we will be discussing how to stay safe online. We will also be using 'scratch' to create and program a game, including characters and setting.

**Music:-**

To begin with children will be looking at composition based around Ancient Egyptian music. We will be looking at a song linked to prior learning about the Egyptians as well as scores of music.

**PSHE:-**

This half term we are looking at zones of regulation. This involves looking at and discussing feelings and emotions and the steps we can take and things we can do to help regulate these.

**Science:-** In Science this half term we will be looking at forces. We will be investigating the affect different forces, such as gravity, air and water resistance, have on objects as well as studying the work of Sir Issac Newton and Galileo. Galileo is this this half term's Super Scientist.

**PE:-**

Our PE topic this half term is gymnastics. Students will be working on exploring space in the room, balance, co-ordination and using different apparatus. Students will be developing these skills to create a performance by the end of the half term.

**Art / DT:-**

In Design Technology this half term we will be looking at using and making electrical circuits. The end result will be a functioning Doodler, a motor than should then create an image.

**MFL:-**

This half term we are looking at French vocabulary, and how to converse in basic conversation with each other.

**Any other information-**

This half term we are hoping to take the children to Kenilworth Castle – more details on this to follow. The children have also been invited to an online zoom session with the National Archives to take part in an investigation involving primary sources. Please ensure your children are in the correct Woodvale PE Kit, or a plain dark t-shirt and shorts/joggers.