

# Year 5 Newsletter

September - October 2024

**Welcome to Year 5!**

## Welcome Back

Welcome back to school! The school gates open at 8:30am and your child is expected to be in school by 8:45am.

## PE

Our PE day will be Thursday for this half-term. Your child will need to come into school dressed in their PE kit. Their first PE lesson will be on Thursday 12th September. This term the topic will be Game Sense.

## Homework

Details and expectations for homework can be found in the parent leaflet.

## Science

Properties of Materials is our topic this half term. See what materials you can find around home and think about how they would change if they were mixed together, heated or cooled. Can it be reversed?

## Other Topics

**Computing** ~ Coding, **Music** ~ Livin' On a Prayer **RE** ~ How far would a Sikh go for their religion? **French** ~ French Speaking World **PSHE** ~ Being Me in My World **Art** ~ Formal Elements: Architecture **History** ~ Ancient Greeks

## Reading

It is expected that your child reads at least 5 times a week. Please encourage your child to read regularly at home and to get into the practice of recording this in their reading diary. This is checked each Friday in school to ensure that children are reading at home. Please write the page number they have read to in their book and make a comment on their reading. I cannot express the how important regular reading is for children! I would also encourage you to still listen to your child read regularly too.

## English

This half term we will be reading the book 'The Man Who Walked Between the Towers' and will focus on writing diary entries, recounts, news bulletins and a biography. They will then read 'Robot Girl' and will develop their discussion and debate skills, compare characters and they will also create effective dialogue to convey character. After making predictions about twists and turns in the story, they will go on to create atmospheric setting descriptions, give a character advice about what to do, and write an action scene.

## Maths

This half term we will be covering work on: calculation, number and place value and addition and subtraction. We will also be practising mental maths regularly and will have a mental maths test each week.

## Times Tables

Each Friday your child will be tested on their times tables. The times table they will need to learn will be mentioned on their homework sheet. Knowing times tables and developing strong mental maths skills is essential for all aspects of maths and to ensure good levels of progress. Please revise and test your child regularly to support them in their learning

## Nature Trail

The children will be going to Longlands Lake for their forest school activities this year and will be taking part in lots of educational activities. More details will follow shortly.