

# Year 5 Newsletter

September - October 2023

**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.

## 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.

## PE

PE days will be Wednesday and 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 7th September. This term the topics will include: swimming catch up for those who need to meet the National Curriculum targets, Gym Fit Circuits and Netball.

## English

This half term we will be focusing on writing suspense stories. We will be using a model text called, 'The Old Mill' and will be completing activities based on this text, as well as video resources. The children will also be analysing other suspense stories and will be using language features and devices they learn about in their own writing.

## Homework

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

## 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.

## 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?

## 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.

## Other Topics

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