



# Y5 Summer Newsletter



Dear Parents / Carers,

We hope that you had a lovely break over the Easter holidays and are ready to get started with the Summer term. Some highlights this term include; introducing a new book – Wolf Brother – visiting Warwick Castle and also designing our own drawbridge castle. We think that the children are really going to enjoy the topics that we are studying this term!

## English:

In English this term, we will be studying the book 'Wolf Brother' by Michelle Paver. This is a fantastic book that we are sure the children will enjoy reading! Using this text, the children will be writing their own setting and character descriptions, letters, persuasive pieces, narratives and poetry.

Alongside this, we will continue to work on a range of SPaG elements from the Year 5 curriculum, including colons and semi-colons, relative clauses, hyphens and devices to keep their writing coherent.

## Maths:

In Maths this term, we will be looking at:

- Multiplication and division
- Properties of shape
- Time
- Units of measurement
- Angles
- Position and direction
- Equations

We will be working to develop our mastery understanding of these topics, as we answer a range of fluency, reasoning and problem solving questions.

## Topic:

Our topic this term is 'Knights and Castles' which focuses on the time period surrounding 1066 and the Battle of Hastings. They will look at what made a good king in Medieval England and the geography of where the different contenders of the throne came from. The children will learn about the battles that took place and what this meant for England and its people.

After half term, the children will be looking at the different types of castles that were built around this time and their different features.

As a result, we will be visiting Warwick Castle this term to further develop the children's understanding of the topic 'Knights and Castles'. More information about the trip will be sent out over the coming weeks.

## Science:

In Science this half term, we are studying the topic 'Animals including Humans'. Within this topic, we will be exploring the changes as humans develop into old age. We will also be using scientific data to create charts that can be used to compare the life cycles of other animals.

## DT

After the half term, the children will be completing a project linked to our topic 'Knights and Castles'. The children will be designing and constructing their own drawbridge castle using a pulley mechanism. Once they have completed their castle, they will evaluate their design and discuss the strengths and areas for improvement. We think the children will really enjoy this project!

Please note that 5M's PE days will now be a Monday and a Friday.

We are looking forward to the term ahead.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in contact.

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