



Year 5 Spring Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year! We hope you all had a lovely break and that the children are feeling excited for everything the Spring term has to offer. We have lots of exciting learning ahead of us! Below is an overview of what the curriculum looks for this term:

In **English**, we will be studying Kensuke's Kingdom by Michael Morpurgo. We will use this text to help develop a range of skills and techniques used in our writing. We will then utilise these skills in writing texts such as a balanced argument, a ship's log and a 'show-not-tell' narrative.

After half-term, we will be turning our attention to the text 'Holes'. This text will be used as inspiration to write a character description, setting description and alternative ending. Alongside this, we will also continue to read a range of non-fiction and fiction texts.

In **maths** this term, we will be developing our understanding of decimals, percentages, multiplication and division. We will be expanding our understanding through making links between different areas of maths. Our focus on reasoning and problem solving will be ongoing, providing opportunities for the children to apply their learning to different contexts.

In **science** our first topic will be 'Properties and Changes of Materials'. The children will develop their knowledge of how materials vary in their hardness, solubility, conductivity and magnetism. They will learn how some materials can dissolve and how mixtures can be separated.

After half term, we will move onto the topic 'Living Things and Habitats'. Within this topic the children will start by studying the habitats of plants and animals and how we, as humans, can have an effect on these. We will then look to describe and compare the reproductive cycles of animals and plants.

Our **topic** for the autumn term is 'Water' and our key question is 'Why is water so important?' We will be researching a range of water bodies, such as rivers, oceans and lakes. We will also be considering the impact canals had on the industrial revolution. Finally, we will be looking at the water cycle in detail and exploring the processes within this through different mediums.

Homework will continue to be set each Friday. This will be due to be completed by the following Wednesday. If there is a particular reason why homework cannot be completed on time, please speak to your class teacher.

Spellings will be set each Friday on Spelling Shed. The spelling test should be completed online by the following Friday.

Each child should be **reading** frequently to an adult at home, as well as reading independently daily. Please ensure that children have their reading diaries and reading books with them every day, so that we can read with your child regularly.

Library Books - Each class visits the school library weekly to choose a book to promote reading for pleasure. These can be taken home, but also need to be brought to school daily for children to read during B.E.A.R time.

P.E will take place twice a week, This term, we will be focussing on tennis, hockey and swimming.

5S will have PE on **Monday** and **Friday**. **5W** will have PE on **Tuesday** and **Thursday**.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to a fantastic term. Please contact us if you have any questions.

Miss Sharma and Miss Williams

