



# Year 5 Newsletter Summer 2024



The children are entering their third and final term of Year 5 already! Lots of learning to be done and fun to be had before the summer holidays including their residential experience in July! It has been my pleasure to teach this group of children and to work with yourselves to support their progress. We will do everything we can in school to support a smooth transition over to Miss Copperthwaite in the coming weeks.

## **Year 5 learning**

An overview of our learning in summer term is here:

**Maths:** We will be completing our fractions, decimals and percentages work with a percentages focus then covering measures (including length, time and volume), angles and shape.

**English:** Linked to science, we are going to begin reading *The Nowhere Emporium* by Ross Mackenzie; it has a couple of sequels in the shops, if your child enjoys it! We will be writing explanations and playscripts related to our science and geography topics too. There will be a growing focus on SPAG and reading comprehension as we further prepare the children for Y6.

**Science:** Life Cycles with a focus on humans and how we change in our life times and we will look at the life cycles of animals and plants too.

**Geography:** Following the children learning about Mayans and rainforests last year, we are going to be travelling to South America and further exploring the geography and history that this diverse continent has to offer.

**Art:** We are starting with a flowers topic to celebrate the fact that Spring has sprung, and we will plan in lots of art opportunities through our South American learning too.

**RE:** How Christians live with themes like forgiveness and justice.

**PSHE Jigsaw:** Our whole school topics for this term are Relationships and Changing Me. Our relationships topic focuses on online safety.

**Spanish:** We learn speaking, listening, reading and writing skills in Spanish lessons. This term, our topic is clothes.

**Music:** Our next focus song is 'Dancing in the Street'. The children and I have had lots of fun exploring different genres of music with 'Livin on a Prayer' being a highlight so I'm sure they'll continue to enjoy these lessons.

**Computing:** We will be learning to create, publish and evaluate quizzes online using forms in google classroom.

**P.E:** PE continues to be on Mondays and Wednesdays this half term – our sports are Golf and Cricket. The weather wasn't kind to us on PE days in spring term so we're hoping for some sunshine!

Forest School will continue to be fortnightly on Fridays and has started this week so our next session is Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April.

Long hair should be tied back and ear-rings removed, where possible, for all active activities.

## **Thursday afternoons**

Mrs Cawthray is continuing to cover the class for teacher PPA on a Thursday afternoon when she will continue to teach Spanish and Art as she did in Spring 2.

## **Water and Labelled clothes**

Children can refill water bottles in the classrooms throughout the day. Please check that all clothing is labelled. We tend to have several jumpers and cardigans cast off in our classroom at the end of the day and they are often unnamed so difficult to return.

## **Reading Circles/ Homework**

Children have been set new homework tasks this week. Quite a few children have switched reading days due to a move between groups. This has been explained to the children and should be written on their green books. We continue to ask for reading records to be handed in weekly and children are awarded team points if they have been using these.

## **Residential**

The children are looking forward to their residential which is on July 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>. Further communications will be sent out regarding this in due course.

## **Reports**

I am currently in the process of assessing the children thoroughly and writing their reports. All relevant information is, of course, being handed over to Miss Copperthwaite who is getting to know the children really well and settling in quickly. Please catch one of us if you have any questions about anything!

And from me ...

Thank you for your kind words and understanding regarding my personal circumstances. I wish the children, yourselves and your families all the very best.

With love, Mrs Claire Pape.

