



### Saturn class newsletter - Autumn term



Welcome back to Year 5! We hope you had a lovely Summer break and are raring to go for the new year ahead! We have lots of exciting things to look forward to this year and we can't wait to get start our work.

**Maths** - We are going to have a strong focus on practicing basic mathematics skills to build confidence and fluency. More specifically, we will begin the year looking at place value, addition and subtraction, and roman numerals.

**English** - Our text for English this term is 'Song of the River' by Gill Lewis, linking to our river learning in Geography. We will be using this to develop our skills in writing recounts. There will be a strong focus throughout the year on embedding our SPAG knowledge and learning the Year 5 elements.

**Geography** – Miss Miller can't wait to teach her favourite topic and this term it is all about the Extreme Earth. This physical Geography work will include raging rivers, coasts, mountains, erupting volcanoes and lots more.

**History** - We will be starting our history topic on the Victorians in the second half of the Autumn term. The class will compare the differences between home and school life in the Victorian era and today. There will also be a Victorian themed dress up day with lots of fun Victorian activities!

**PSHE** - We continue to follow our Jigsaw scheme for PSHE - our first 'puzzle piece' is 'Being me in my world', where we will learn all about setting goals, feeling included, contributing to our community positively and being the best versions of ourselves.

**RE** - In RE we will be looking at the terms omnipresent, omnipotent and omniscient in relation to God, and why Christians view Him as loving and holy.

**Computing** - We will be learning all about sharing information between digital systems, using lots of collaborative work to achieve this learning intention.

**Spanish** – Again Miss Miller will teach this area of the curriculum and the children will start to explore the vocabulary linked to the weather. Children will also consolidate previous learning and hopefully increase their confidence in speaking Spanish.

**Art and DT** - We continue to have forest school every other Friday which will focus on rafts and rainwater harvesting (we are sure there will be plenty of rain!!). In art we will be looking at specific artist studies based around using paint and pastels to show light and reflection. On our Victorian day we will even have a go at some Victorian cooking!

**Music** - Following on from Year 4, we continue to have a focus on rhythm, pulse, tempo and pitch. Will be studying the song 'Livin' on a Prayer'.

**Science** - Science this term is all about materials! Our 'big question' is 'how do changes in states of matter affect our lives?' - to answer this we will be conducting a range of investigations including making crystals!

**PE days** are every Wednesday and every other Friday, with Forest school on the alternate weeks. We start our forest school week commencing 16th September. Please ensure your child comes to school with the relevant kit including wellies and long sleeved/legged items (that you don't mind getting dirty!).

**Staffing** -This year we continue to have the support of Miss Humphries and Mrs Allen who will be both in our class with children and also with smaller groups in the activity room. On a Friday the children will be taught by Miss Miller as this is my PPA and ECT time.

## **Homework**

Your child will be given a reading circles book to take home, along with a weekly task. These new roles and approach to reading comprehension will be taught and explained to the children over the course of this week. This work should be completed in the green homework books and expectations for homework will be noted in the front of the book. There will be consequences for repeated late or incomplete homework.

Maths homework will be related to key objectives for the half term.

If you have any questions or queries then please can you contact the office to arrange a convenient time for a phone call.

Best wishes,

Miss Copperthwaite (Saturn class teacher)