



## Year 5 – Summer 2 Newsletter

### MATHS

Across the school, we are once again using the White Rose Maths Scheme to structure the children's learning.

Children will continue to consolidate their understanding of decimals – focusing on formal written methods of addition and subtraction using decimal numbers.

In addition to fluency, Year 5 will be answering reasoning and multi-step problem-solving questions based on this learning, and apply their knowledge.

The children will also continue to have an extra arithmetic skills session, in order to increase pace and confidence in test conditions.

Our Science work this half term, in addition to our 'Plant Your Pants' investigation, will involve looking at statistics and position and direction.

### ENGLISH

Our DEAR text will be 'The Silver Donkey' by Sonya Hartnett. We will also be looking at the poetry book 'Cloud Soup' by Kate Wakeling.

In our writing, we will continue to focus on the expectations for Year 5 and our English lessons will be revisit a SPAG theme each week.

We will also be using other key texts, films and music as inspiration. All of our learning will be supported by additional weekly reading sessions, including group work and individual reading comprehensions.

This half-term, children will have two extra 30 minute reading sessions per week.

Week 4 will be an assessment week, which is an important stepping stone towards Year 6.

### FOUNDATION SUBJECTS

In **Science**, children will be '**Working Scientifically**' and making some predictions by 'planting their pants' and seeing how they're affected by the elements. In **DT** lessons, children will be **sewing** and will be making cushions. As **Historians**, children will be looking at **Ancient Egypt**, which links with their **Music** learning this half-term, where we will be looking at **Egyptian Musical Notation**. In **PSHE**, children will be focusing on **Transition**. In **RE**, children will be answering the question '**What is best for our world?**' In **PE**, children will be working on the '**Fitness and Health**' strand of their learning.

They will also be having Swimming lessons, and will take part in Sports Day.

### HOME LEARNING

Please continue to read with your child daily, and record what they have **read** (or ensure your child does so) in the home-school book. As well as listening to them read, please question your child about their understanding of the text. Continue to encourage your child to practise their weekly **spellings**. Homework will be set every Monday and – more often than not – the deadline for completion will be the following Monday, unless otherwise stated. As one part of their maths homework, children **must** complete a minimum of **5 garage games**, on **TTRockstars**, every week. Please do encourage your child to practise their times tables regularly, especially if they are not fluent up to 12x12. Children in Year 5 and 6 receive one piece of **Maths** and one piece of **English** homework per week.

*Thank you for your continued support - the Year 5 Team.*