

# CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER



## Year 5 | Autumn



### English

We will be beginning the year with the picture book, 'The Night of the Gargoyles', where children can use the amusing story to consolidate and build on different writing techniques. We will be using descriptive language and looking at using different types of figurative language in our writing, starting with similes and metaphors. Grammar will be taught through our English lessons as well as weekly discrete lessons. Spellings will be introduced on a Monday and children will practice these all week before Friday's test.

### Maths

We are beginning the year looking at place value of numbers up to 1,000,000. After we will be looking at adding and subtracting numbers using mental and written methods then we will finish the half term investigating area, perimeter and volume of shapes. As well as this, we will continue practising our recall of multiplication facts using TT Rockstars. We will also be using MyMaths to cement our knowledge in all subject areas for homework.

### History

To start the year, we will be looking at the Tudor period. We will be researching historical figures such as Henry VIII and his six wives as well as the great play write William Shakespeare. We will be investigating how the reformation of the church came about and why. We will be looking at how the Tudor era has had an impact on our lives today.

### Geography

This term we will be studying the continent of Europe. We will be using an atlas and online resources to identify all the countries within Europe and look at the human and physical features of this continent. We will be studying the climate of different countries as well. We will also be looking at how Europe rates as a continent compared to the other continents.

### Science

We are studying forces, where we will be investigating gravity and understanding the effects of friction. We will be looking at air and water resistance and will create and test mechanisms. After half term, we will be exploring space and learning more about the Earth, sun and moon as well as how the seasons occur.

### RWV

We are exploring the question, 'Why should we be good?' During our lessons we will find out what great philosophers teach about the meaning of life. We will be exploring philosophical questions and different religious perspectives.

### General Reminders

- Children should read every night to develop accuracy and fluency. An adult should then sign their Home & School book to show this has taken place. We monitor and reward children for their efforts at home.
- Homework will be given on a Friday and should be completed by the following Wednesday (TTRS & MyMaths) and Friday (Homework Menu).
- Spellings will be set on Monday and words should be practised during the week by Friday when children will be tested on their spellings.
- We will have PE on Monday and Tuesday when children will come to school wearing their active uniform. All earrings should be removed before the lesson.
- All items of uniform should be labelled and children should bring a water bottle to school.