

# Year 5 Newsletter

## Middleton Parish Church School

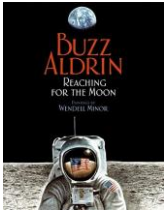
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### English

This half term in reading, children will read a variety of different texts to answer a range of retrieval style, comprehension questions.

### Writing

In writing, we will be using the book "Reaching for the Moon" by Buzz Aldrin as our stimulus. We will be writing our own autobiography. We will also use or Topic of 'Peru or North West?' as a stimulus to write a non-chronological report about Peru.



### Homework

You may have already noticed that the children have been coming home with a small piece of homework each week in the form of spellings and times tables.

It is imperative that the children now know their times tables, as it is a fundamental part of their mathematical skills. Please encourage your child to practise them often.

As well as this, we ask that children are also going on TTRockstars and GoRead throughout the week.

### Science

Our science topic this term is 'Earth and Space'. We will be learning about the orbits of the Earth and other planets around the sun. We will carry out an investigation, into what happens to our shadow throughout the day. We will try and answer the question 'why does the sun appear to travel across the sky?'



### Reading

#### Class Novel

This half term we will be reading The Explorer by Katherine Rundell. An exciting new novel about a group of kids who must survive in the Amazon after their plane crashes.



#### Reading Books and GORead!

Our new class libraries have been set and are ready to go for the year ahead and all children should now have a reading book.

Should children have a home reading book they would like to read, please send it into school for teachers to check it provides enough challenge to support progression in reading – teachers will then add this book to GORead.

Adults in school will read with all children at least once a week. We ask that children read at home daily.

All reading should be recorded on GORead in order for children to earn maximum gems! Problem words/new vocabulary can be added on go read alongside in vocabulary books.



### Contacting Us

If you need to talk to contact a member of the year 5 team please do not hesitate to send us an email.

Our class email address is

[year5@middletonparishcse.rochdale.sch.uk](mailto:year5@middletonparishcse.rochdale.sch.uk)

Please note that although we will endeavour to get back to you as soon as possible, it may take up to five working days.

### Important Dates

Week beginning 19<sup>th</sup> September – KS2 Sports Week  
Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September – Parent sports day  
Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October – Parents Evening  
Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October – Last day of the half term

Where needed, more information about these upcoming events will be communicated via ClassDojo.

### Geography

In Geography, the children will be learning all about Peru and making comparisons of this fascinating country with the North West of England.

### P.E and Forest School

P.E and Forest School will be on a Wednesday for Year 5. Children should ensure they wear the correct outdoor uniform on a Wednesday and bring their wellies in a named plastic carrier bag.

### PSHE

Our Heart Smart topic is 'Get HeartSmart.' In this topic, we are thinking about how the children can make heart smart decisions. This will include ways to keep our hearts emotionally happy and safe.



### Religious Education

In R.E. we are looking at the topic 'Why do Christians read the Bible?' We will learn about the work of the early Bible translators. We will have a question and answer sessions with the Rev. Alison Bailey and be visited by, Islamic and Hindu, faith leaders, so that we can make comparisons between the Bible and other Holy books.



### Maths

In maths this half term, children will be looking at place value and understanding the value of digits within a given number.

We will then move onto addition and subtraction using formal methods. We will use 'what do you notice' and 'what do we know' in order to answer reasoning questions.

Children will be asked to go on TimesTable Rockstars at home as part of their homework and battles will be set.

