## Rushey Green Primary School

# Year 5 Class Newsletter - Autumn 1 2020

Welcome to the first Autumn term after a long break! We are delighted to see you all and excited to hear what you have all been up to over the Summer break. We hope you all had a restful break and are ready for a fun packed year.

If you have any questions or require any additional information, please do not hesitate to discuss this with a member of the team.

Thank you,

### The Year 5 Team.

## This term our topic is... The Windrush

This academic year the Year 5 class names are: Jamaica, Cuba and Trinidad. There will be opportunity for the children to share what they have learnt about their class name with everyone.

In English this half term, we will be exploring a 'Power of Reading' book called 'The Boy at the Back of the Class' by Onjali Q. Rauf. Through this interesting text we will be looking at different genres of writing. These genres include: character description, diary entry, persuasive poster, formal letter and newspaper article.

In Maths this half term, we will be focusing on place value, number: addition, subtraction and statistics. This will be taught with a mastery approach ensuring that we are able to allow children the fluency they need, to have a deeper understanding of mathematical concepts.

In Science we will be looking at Animals including humans focusing on the human life cycle. We will be finding out about the different stages of development from birth to old age and investigating changes as humans develop throughout their lifespan. We will be experimenting and testing out our predictions and recording data using scientific diagrams and labels.

In History we will be looking closely how the Windrush generation impacted our borough.

In R.E we will be exploring the Hindu faith and learning about where they worship, who they worship, sacred places and pilgrimage.

In Art we will be observing and using a range of techniques to draw portraits.

<u>Dates to remember!</u> Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2020 - End of term Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2020 - New term

#### Start and End times to the day

The school day starts at **8.45** am. This allows for a 15-minute registration time so that lessons can begin promptly at 9.00 am. It is extremely important that your child attends school on time and **every day**. Children arriving late can be unsettling not just for your child, but the entire class.

In addition, it is important that you collect your child on time (3.15 pm) as this ensures the staff have time to prepare the class and resources for the next day.

#### Homework

The children are given spellings on a weekly basis to learn. Please encourage your child to practise these spellings, understand the meaning of the words and practise using them in sentences.

Your child should be reading every day and should be reading a combination of fiction and non-fiction.

For maths the children have access to MyMaths and should be completing activities set. It is also expected that they practise all their times tables.

Homework is set every Friday and expected back on Tuesday.

Thank you in advance for all your support with your child's learning.

P.E.

Please remember to send your child to school in their school uniform with their PE kit in a named bag. Please also ensure that all items of clothing are named as we are then able to return any items if they become lost. Thank you.

Please visit our uniform page on the school website for the correct uniform standards.



#### <u>Water bottles</u>

Please ensure you send your child to school every day with a named reusable water bottle, not the single use plastic ones. These bottles must only contain water, no juice or fizzy drinks please. Children will not have access to water fountains during this current time.

