



# Autumn Term Newsletter

## Yr 5/6

### RE

We are following Come and See to deliver our RE curriculum.

We will be starting our half term looking at Judaism- Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

We will also be looking at:

Vocation and Commitment- Baptism

Expectations- Advent and Christmas

### Maths

This term, we are focussing on the mathematical skills that we know underpin our understanding and enable us to freely focus on our Reasoning and Problem-Solving skills.

#### We are exploring:

Fluency, Problem Solving and Reasoning with the four operations, Fractions; simplifying, adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing fractions and Geometry; co-ordinates and reasoning with co-ordinates.

All of this (particularly fractions) is underpinned by a good knowledge of the times tables.

Please ensure that your child logs on to Times Tables Rock Stars for 10 minutes every day as part of their homework.

**Year 6 children will be given pages additional homework from Maths CGP SATs Busters books. Children who struggle to complete this at home can complete it in school at lunch time in homework club.**

*What a wonderful start to the year! The children have settled in well and are working hard to do their very best. I will regularly update the class story on Dojo with what we're getting up to... Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns. Mrs Edwards*

### Science

This term in Science we are looking at 'Living Things' specifically; Classifying Living Things, Classification Keys, Cells and Microorganisms and Helpful and Harmful Microorganisms. We will be exploring this 'Big Questions' and a range of investigations which the children will plan and participate in.

### Geography

We will be learning about North America. During this topic, we will be learning how to use geographical language and map read when describing where North America is located; understanding settlements; population density; food and farming and the impacts of hurricanes and wildfires on the area.

### History

We will be learning about the monarchy in Britain. We will be learning about the changing roles of the monarchy; significant monarchs throughout history; primary and secondary resources; bias reporting of historical events; the current royal family; and understanding the heirs to the throne.

### PSHE & Wellbeing

We will be using Ten:Ten Resources to support our PSHE curriculum. This term, our focus will be...

- Emotional Wellbeing
- Puberty
- Religious Understanding
- Keeping Safe

We will be taking brain breaks when needed and having open discussions about worries or concerns as/when issues arise.

### PE

Our PE lessons will take place on a **Thursday and Friday**. Please ensure that your child comes to school in an outdoor PE kit. This should consist of: shorts/jogging bottom/Leggings (which should be plain/dark in colour), a white t shirt and suitable footwear.

### English

We will be reading Michael Morpurgo's The Best Christmas Present in the World where we will focus on entertaining the reader with a narrative letter recounting the historical events of the Christmas trust.

During our VIPERS (Guided Reading) session, we will use short extracts from various texts which will give children the opportunity to develop their retrieval and inference skills; particularly focussing on extended answers to inference questions with evidence to support their answers.

Our poetry focus is 'The Highway Man' a spooky and thought-provoking poem by Alfred Noyes. We will explore the moral themes of the poem together as well as the main characters who appear throughout.

**Spellings-** We are delivering our spelling curriculum differently to how we have in the past. Our decision is based very much on research and how children retain information and apply it to their work. We will still send home the Year 5/6 Spelling List for your reference though.

**Year 6 children will receive and be expected to complete the given pages of their Reading and SPAG CGP books as weekly homework.**