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**Curriculum Newsletter for Parents**

**Year 5 Class teachers – Miss Anthoney and Mrs Poi**

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! This half term, we will be covering the following areas. If you have any questions then please do get in touch.

**Mathematics**

In Maths, the children will be learning about 'Multiplication.' This topic includes each of the following, and a good understanding and a fluent recall of times tables facts is vital:

- multiplication
- division
- fractions

In school, children will be solving a range of arithmetic problems and questions that require reasoning and explanations.

Children should continue to practise their times tables at home.

**English**

This half term we will be reading 'Fire, Bed and Bone', an atmospheric tale of the Peasants' Revolt told from the viewpoint of a dog which makes comments about the society and issues of the time, in the language of the time.

This strong narrative raises serious issues for discussion and brings an important historical event alive. It links with our history topic about the Middle Ages.

**Overall aims of this teaching sequence:**

- To introduce pupils to a novel this raises serious issues for discussion and brings an important historical event alive.
- to develop children's responses to a book through discussion.
- To provide opportunities for children to write in role, exploring different viewpoints.
- To explore the historical setting of the story through preparing information texts and non-fiction writing.
- To use drama and role-play to deepen children's understanding of a book.

Grammar and punctuation: relative clauses, tenses, dialogue, prefixes, noun phrases, standard English.

**Computing**

In the coming weeks the children will be learning about spreadsheets. They will be using a formula wizard to add a formula to a cell to automatically make a calculation in that cell. They will be learning to use a spreadsheet to model a real-life situation and answer questions.

**Science**

Our new Science topic will be about lifecycles. The children will be learning how to:

- describe the differences in the life cycles of a mammal, an amphibian, an insect and a bird
- describe the life process of reproduction in some plants and animals

<p><b>P.E</b></p> <p>In P.E this half term, children will be learning dance routines. They will also be learning skills and strategies for tag rugby.</p>	<p><b>Music</b></p> <p>Clarinet lessons will still take place every Thursday.</p> <p><b>French</b></p> <p>Descriptions using adjectives</p>	<p><b>PSHE:</b></p> <p>The children will be looking at dreams and goals, considering what these look like and looking at ways in which these can be achieved.</p>
<p><b>Art</b></p> <p>This half term, children will be looking at medieval illustrations and woodcuts. We will be using charcoal to create sketches with tone inspired by these.</p>	<p><b>History</b></p> <p>This half-term, we are learning about the Middle Ages. Children will be investigating primary and secondary sources about the Black Death, which spread rapidly. Children will also be forming their own interpretations about the Peasants’ Revolt of 1381.</p>	