

**Curriculum Newsletter for Parents**

**Year 5 Class teachers – Miss Bishop and Mr Sullivan**

Dear Parent,

Your child will be working on the following curriculum during this term. Please feel free to talk to the Class teacher about any area of this curriculum.

**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**

During this half term, the children will be reading and studying the book 'The Promise' This is a high-quality text in which the children will explore emotive language and deepen their understanding of how authors create imagery. The pieces of work that the children will be completing during this unit are:

- Character Narrative.
- To narrate.
- Bargain Letter.
- To persuade -Writing in role and from different perspectives.

These pieces of work will build upon what the children are reading and will really help them express their knowledge of the text and the themes within it.

In punctuation and grammar sessions, the children will be learning about 'Word Types' such as:

- Word classes (nouns, adjectives, verbs, adverbs)
- Adverbs of possibility
- Relative clauses, brackets and dashes for extra information (parenthesis).
- Tenses
- Prefixes
- Suffixes

**Computing**

In the coming weeks the children will be learning about spreadsheets. They will be

**Science**

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

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.

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.E**

P.E lessons will be on Thursday and Friday this year! Make sure PE kits are in school every day. The children will be learning dance and gymnastics.

### **Music**

The children are lucky to be learning the clarinet this year! Clarinet lessons will be on Thursday afternoon.

### **PSHE:**

Safety involving esafety: Children will be learning about facing challenges and how to keep safe. They will be exploring how actions have consequences and how to guard themselves and be safe in the world.

### **History**

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.

### **Geography**

Rainforests

This term in geography the children will be learning to recognise what a rainforest is and locate the world's rainforests on a map. They will also be exploring the features of a rainforest and the impact of deforestation.

### **Art/DT**

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.

### **Dates for the diary**

- 26<sup>th</sup> January- 5S Class Assembly
- World Book Day 6<sup>th</sup> March.
- Easter assesmbly: 5B 26<sup>th</sup> March.  
5S 27<sup>th</sup> March.