

## Welcome to Term 1

We hope you all had an amazing summer holiday! We are looking forward to welcoming the children back for an exciting term 1!

In term 1, we will be reading the book The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe by C.S Lewis and this will form the basis of our reading and writing lessons – we will also use the picture book 'Last' to inform Unit 2 of writing. We will be re-capping a few year 4 skills as well as covering new Year 5 content, continuing to develop sentence structure, tense and coherence. The children are developing their stamina for writing and continued practice of writing will help the children to produce high quality outcomes.



Our book this term is The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe by C. S. Lewis. Your child is welcome to bring a copy of the book to help them in their learning.

In maths this term, we will be looking at place value, identifying and writing numbers up to a million. We will then turn our focus to decimal numbers, working into the tenths, hundredths and thousandths. This will build on the place value knowledge the children have learnt in Year 4.

In computing, our focus is computer science. In this, the children will be creating a piece of code that will make music on a microbit. This will be planning, modifying and editing their code to debug any issues. In Online Safety, the focus will be on identity and self-image. Within this learning, children will discuss their experiences online and learn that people can present themselves differently online and in person and we should be aware of this when exploring the web.

Our science learning this term will focus on forces. Within this topic, the children will learn different forces and how they can work together and against each other. They will also be learning about forces in machines.

Our Geography topic this term will be all about power and alternatives. We will be learning about how the UK generates its power and then comparing this to other countries in the world. We will look at what alternative renewable power we could use in our local area.

We will also be offering our broad and balanced curriculum, with Art, RE, Personal Development and Music.

In term 1, we will have **PE on a Thursday**. Please can children come to school wearing their full PE kit on this day. There is no need to bring a change of clothes. We ask that you please provide them with jogging bottoms in case the weather is wet or cold. We will be learning about dodgeball, building on prior learning in other ball skills games. In addition to this, children will have a daily 15-minute physical activity session – they will not need PE kit for this.

Please ensure children have a water bottle for every day!

Homework will be taken home on a Friday and needs to be returned the following Wednesday please. All children **must** also read 5 times per week which needs recording in their reading records. We appreciate your support with this.

We are looking forward to a wonderful term with you all!

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Please email the class teacher if there is anything you wish to discuss.

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