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## Summer Term 2024 – Year 5 Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Our values are **Kindness, Courage and Responsibility**.

Welcome back after the Easter holidays. We're wishing you all a happy, safe and healthy summer term and it is so wonderful to see the children back in school. The children have had a good start this week, and we are so proud of them for settling well after two weeks' holidays, continuing to apply the rules and routines of Key Stage 2 and engaging in learning with enthusiasm. Across the year, we have planned many exciting experiences with cross-curricular links and opportunities, which we are looking forward to sharing with both the children and yourselves. Below gives you an overview of the different subjects across the curriculum.

### **English**

We will be looking at poetry and journal writing. In the second part of the term, we will be writing fantasy stories and focusing on understanding and writing speech. We will continue developing our grammar reading skills. Children will now be bringing home books to read, so please continue encouraging children to read at home. We will continue developing our grammar reading skills. Children will now be bringing home books to read, so please continue encouraging children to read at home. Children should be reading at home for at least 30 minutes each day. Please encourage them to do this regularly.

### **Spelling**

The children will continue to receive weekly spellings on Spelling Shed. Please encourage your child to continue practising their spellings.

### **Maths**

The focus of our Maths this term will be on shape, position and direction and negative numbers. We will also be applying this knowledge to word problems. In the second part of the term, we will be learning about converting units and volume. As always, the children will be improving their basic times table and arithmetic skills; these will be tested on a regular basis.

Please support your children in practising all of their times tables. Children should practise their times tables on Rockstars and work towards an opportunity to earn a Rockstar Hero Status and certificates.

### **Science**

This term in Science, we will be learning about properties and changes in materials as well as living things and their habitats.

### **Geography**

We will be learning about rivers, including doing some map work.

### **History**

The children will be learning about the Tudors.

### **PSHE**

We will learn about economic well-being. In the second part of the term, we will be completing work about transition and preparing for the next academic year.

### **RE**

Children will be exploring places of worship across the range of religions as well as about the values in Christianity.

### **Computing**

We will be creating music through coding. They will also be learning about creating media and data handling linked to the Mars Rover.

## **PE**

PE lessons will be on the following days:

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| • 5 Jamaica   | Tuesdays & Thursdays   |
| • 5 Guatemala | Wednesdays & Thursdays |
| • 5 Honduras  | Thursdays & Fridays    |

During the PE lessons this term, we will be doing striking and field and in the second part of the term, athletics. **Please ensure children wear the correct PE uniform to school on their PE days- navy blue joggers, white t-shirt or polo shirt and full black trainers or plimsolls.**

## **Spanish**

For the duration of this year, we will be learning Spanish with Mrs. Steadman. This term, we will be focusing on directions, including mapwork. In the second half of the term, we will be looking at Spanish around the world.

## **Art**

In art, we will be exploring form and texture, creating Mayan masks.

## **D&T**

The children will work with different textiles to create a mobile phone case.

## **Sustainable Travel to School - Scooter Pods and Bike Shelters**

Whenever possible, we encourage children to walk to school. If they also use other sustainable means of travel, such as a scooter or a bike, we have scooter pods and bike shelters available for the children to lock them away safely.

## **Other notices**

School **starts at 8:40 a.m.** and **finishes at 3.10 p.m.** Please arrive promptly so that your child does not miss any of the school day.

Please encourage your child to go to bed at a reasonable time in order for them to function properly the next day. Lack of sleep has a detrimental effect on learning.

Finally, a polite reminder that children need to be in full school uniform at all times. Please ensure all belongings are clearly labelled with your child's name and class.

Thank you for your continued support in helping our children to achieve their full potential.

Ms. Parvin  
**5 Guatemala**

Miss Miller-Teece  
**5 Jamaica**

Miss Watson  
**5 Honduras**

Mrs Bejaoui  
**UKS2 Assistant Headteacher**