



Dear Parents/Carers

Year 5 Autumn Term - curriculum information

A very warm welcome to Year 5. I hope you have all had a lovely refreshing holiday and are as excited as I am about the year ahead.

Our theme for this term is, 'St Ives'.

English

In English, we will start our learning by reading 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe'. We will then move on to read 'The Lost Thing' by Shaun Tan; before finishing with a Christmas poetry unit. Through our chosen texts, we will focus on writing different sentence types, planning and structuring a whole text. Our spellings will focus on word groups from the Yr5 national curriculum list.

Maths

Maths will include lots of counting and time table practising, including 'in context' to give learning a real purpose. We will look at place value, addition and subtraction, multiplication and division, area and perimeter and statistics. The children will explore each area of learning through practising their known and new skills and then deepen their understanding through investigations and reasoning challenges applying their learning in problem solving activities.

Topic

Our exciting topic this term, 'St Ives' has a History and Geography focus. We will be finding out about the history of our local area and researching the geographical features of St Ives which will include a visit there. Our DT will let the children research and build bird boxes and bird feeders. In Art, the children will explore colour theory and then apply these skills to sketch and paint natural objects. Children will need an apron, old shirt/t-shirt on a Tuesday and a Friday for these activities.

Science

In Science, we will explore living things and their habitats where we will investigate the different parts of flowers and look at a variety of animal life cycles. We will then look at the different types of materials by classifying them according to their properties. Plan and carry out investigations to understand mixtures and solutions. We will also learn about changes and find out if they are reversible or irreversible.

Music

We will look at rhythm and pitch using a variety of instruments and create paired and group cyclic patterns.

PE

Our PE days this half term are on a **Monday** and a **Wednesday**. The children will work on ball sports and gymnastics; their focus will be ball control and linking movements to create and perform a routine.

MFL

Our Spanish lessons will continue with consolidating and performing our learning of the language so far. We will then learn and practise small phrases to describe places.

RE

We will start our RE learning with looking at Special People to ourselves and learn how/why some religions have special people.

The children will be visiting Bingley Grammar school in half class groups this half term, to take part in Food Technology classes. I will take the children on Tuesday mornings (alternating groups) in the school minibus; the other group will remain in school with Mrs Ashington.

In the first couple of weeks in class, we will focus on getting to know each other and learning new routines. Homework will be given out weekly and a talking question will be handed out shortly. The children will be placed into spelling groups shortly and spellings will be sent home weekly and tested on a Friday as part of the English homework, children will be asked to write a sentence for each spelling to support their understanding of the words.

If you have any questions or queries about your child's work or wish to chat about any aspect of Year 5, please do not hesitate to catch me in the playground, pop in and see me or make an appointment. I will endeavour to make your child's journey this year as exciting, challenging and rewarding as I can and look forward to watching them blossom!

Thank you!

Miss C Hall and Mrs L Ashington