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Dear Parents

Year 5 Newsletter – Autumn 2018

Welcome back to another busy and exciting school year. It is wonderful to see how well the children have settled into Year 5 and are sensibly negotiating their new time table. The autumn term is always extremely busy and we have many exciting events planned. I thought that you would like to know what your child will be studying over the next term so that you can help to support their studies.

English

This term, pupils will be reading *The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe* by CS Lewis. The book will provide the stimulus for creative writing and for drama activities, including descriptions, non-chronological reports and newspapers. Regular exercises will be taught to improve the pupils' spelling ability and to encourage the use of accurate punctuation and grammar. Pupils will also be reading and writing poetry.

Maths

In the autumn term, pupils will extend their understanding of place value, including decimal numbers up to 2 decimal places. They will develop efficient written and mental methods to add, subtract, multiply and divide. Pupils will also convert times from 12 to 24 hour clock, and start to use a protractor to measure and draw angles.

Science

In the first half of the autumn term, pupils will study life cycles. In this topic, pupils will discover how flowering plants reproduce and learn more about the differences in the life cycles of creatures such as insects and amphibians. Pupils will also develop their scientific skills through planning investigations on how light travels and what affects how it travels, including how shadows are formed.

Art

This term, pupils will create Egyptian inspired art work. They will use knowledge gained in history lessons to develop, design and make a range of Egyptian artefacts and pictures. This will lead into the designing and making of an Egyptian costume to wear later in the year at the Fashion Show. They will also be taking part in making stained glass Advent Window for St. Mary's Church.

French

Pupils will learn how to describe their family, talk about where they live in detail and discuss what food and drinks they enjoy. They will also learn how to ask and answer simple questions, use adverbs, adjectives, possessive adjectives and develop complex sentences.

Physical Education – Boys

During this term, Year 5 boys will cover a range of physical activities including rugby, hockey, swimming and cross country running. In games, the programme is aimed to develop an increased level of understanding of basic tactics and rules, and how to apply these in a

competitive environment. In other individual activities, pupils will continue to work on techniques and their individual performances will be recorded and monitored.

Physical Education – Girls

During this term, Year 5 girls will cover a range of physical activities including hockey, netball, swimming and cross country running. In games, the programme is aimed to develop an increased level of understanding of basic tactics and rules, and how to apply these in a competitive environment. In other individual activities, pupils will continue to work on techniques and their individual performances will be recorded and monitored.

Geography

Pupils will study volcanoes in the autumn term. They will learn about the structure of the earth, plate movement and the formation of different types of volcanoes. They will look at past eruptions and complete an independent project on a chosen volcano.

History

In the autumn term, Year 5 pupils will begin to learn about Egypt. They will study some of the major themes of Egyptian history such as hieroglyphs, mummification, religion and the importance of The River Nile. The pupils will also have the opportunity to take part in an Egyptian workshop, which promises to be a lot of fun, as well as giving the children a greater insight into life as a pharaoh.

ICT

Throughout the autumn term, the pupils will use the Internet to support their research related to their Egyptian history topic. During the first half term they will particularly work on e-safety, including accessing the 'thinkuknow' website, as well as using PowerPoint to create their own 'Choose Your Own' stories using hyperlinks. After half term, they will use the Scratch programme to create a game using a sequence of algorithms.

Music

Pupils will continue to develop their knowledge of music notation, playing short melodies with or without accompaniments and singing songs in varied styles. Pupils will listen to music that portrays a journey and perform alongside a backing track. They will also use classroom instruments to compose and record music illustrating a night-time scene. Some lesson time is also given to learning music for Christmas performances.

PSHE

This term, pupils will be discussing their feelings and opinions focusing on the topics of: Gifts & Talents; Having a Say in the School Community; Rules & Laws; Voting & Debating; and Role Models. Pupils will also learn how to cope with strong emotions and develop their understanding of mindfulness.

RS

Year 5 will study Peace and Worship. The pupils will look at the meanings of peace in different religions and symbols that represent peace. They will explore what worship is, what it means to religious believers and how believers worship differently.

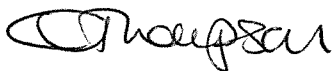
Technology

During the autumn term, pupils will explore how musical instruments amplify sound and change the pitch of a note. They will then design, build and evaluate their own tuned musical instrument. Pupils will also investigate a range of mechanisms and linkages. They will apply their knowledge, skills and understanding of these mechanisms in a practical application to a Christmas card.

It may also be worth mentioning that parents are very much encouraged to support our sport teams on the side-lines. Details of all matches can be found on the school website (through the link – 'Sports Fixtures & Results') or the following address can be saved onto your mobile phone home screen for easy access to this information:
<http://www.redhouseschoolsport.co.uk/>

I do hope you find this information useful so that you can support your child in their learning. If you have any questions or queries, please get in touch:
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Yours sincerely



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