

Y5 ADVENT

newsletter

We hope you all had a fantastic summer and a restful break. I am very much looking forward to teaching you this year and we have lots of exciting things planned!

WATER BOTTLES

Pupils must have a water bottle in school every day. These should be sports capped or straw topped bottles to prevent spillage and labelled with your child's name on.

UNIFORM

Please make sure that all uniform is clearly labelled so that lost items can be reunited with their owner. As the weather is unpredictable, please make sure your child has a waterproof coat with them every day. Please make sure that children's shirts are tucked in and that long hair is tied back.

HOMEWORK

Spellings

Spellings will be given out at the start of each half-term. These are a mixture of common exception words, spelling patterns and topic words which will be tested on a Friday.

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Maths

Maths homework books will be given out after the first few weeks of term. The pages that need completing for the week will be put on Class Dojo. These will need to be handed in on a Thursday where we will mark them and I will check whether they have been completed.

TTRS

It is important that children continue to practice their multiplication tables so they can be easily recalled. Our maths units after Christmas are heavily reliant on being able to recall these quickly so the better they are known, the easier this work will feel. Therefore, a minimum of 15 minutes on TTRS per week will need to be completed.

Reading

It is extremely beneficial for children to be reading regularly with an adult; thus we ask that you record at least 3 reads in their reading diary per week. These will be checked on a Tuesday.

PE

This year we will be doing PE on a Monday with Miss Pritchard and on a Thursday with Mr Wooley. On these days children will need to come to school in their PE kit and appropriate shoes. Please do not wear earrings on these days!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

This year all topics are following our RED curriculum. We will begin with 'Creation and Covenant' where we will look at what a covenant is and how we can use the 10 commandments and virtues to help us live good, happy lives. After half-term the topic will be 'Prophecy and Promise' where we will understand that God chooses in unexpected ways, valuing those that are often overlooked, with a closer look at David. Each half-term we will also be studying another faith; these will be Judaism and Sikhism this term.

ENGLISH AND READING

This term 'The Night Bus Hero' and 'Journey to Jo'Burg' will be our class texts that we will explore in both our VIPERS and English lessons. They will introduce the children to culturally diverse and classic literature, as well as developing their understanding and implementation of more complex punctuation and grammatical structures.

In English we will start the year by reviewing the fundamentals of writing. After that, we'll explore and create our own versions of a discussion text, a character description and an informational text.

MATHS

We will be following White Rose Maths this term. We will be completing units on place value and the number system and the four operations. Every lesson will start with a 'Flashback' which will focus on questions based on learning from the previous lesson, week, month and year. Every Friday we will be completing the Friday Challenge to ensure that we are keeping all our maths skills alive.

It is extremely important that you support your child with these maths concepts at home as these facts will underpin much of the maths this year. They will find it much easier to access these lessons if they know these facts by heart, but also if they know how to apply these skills concretely (using objects), pictorially (drawing and writing), and abstractly. This in turn will support them with their reasoning and problem-solving skills.

SCIENCE

Our first science unit is 'Forces'. We will be exploring Isaac Newton's law of gravity and conducting experiments to test different types of forces.

During the second half of the term, we will be looking at 'Properties and changes of materials'.

ART & DT

We'll connect our art lessons to our historical studies by exploring various forms of Islamic art and creating prints inspired by these styles.

In DT we'll delve into mechanical systems by creating a pop-up book which will serve as a unique format for presenting our informational text in English on our geography topic: mountains.

HISTORY

This half-term we will be exploring the fascinating world of early Islamic civilisation. We will learn about the key achievements and contributions of this period including advancements in art, science and culture. Our journey will take us to the vibrant city of Baghdad, where we will uncover the wonders of the House of Wisdom and learn about the importance of the Silk Road in connecting culture and facilitating trade.

GEOGRAPHY

During the second part of this term we will be learning about the mountains of the world. We'll explore the various mountain formations, learn the terminology used to describe different parts of mountains, and discover the Seven Summits along with other significant mountain ranges.

COMPUTING

This term we will continue to build on our knowledge of computer networks and systems before moving on to vector drawing.

FRENCH

In French this term we will be learning about French phonetics, how to have a conversation in French about your pets and how to express today's date.

PSHE

Refer to the schools PSHE/RHSE curriculum policy.

If you have any questions about anything contained in this letter or any question throughout the term, please do not hesitate to ask.

Miss Pritchard