



Dear Parents & Children of Year 5,

We hope that you had a fantastic break and are looking forward to the start of another brilliant term! Firstly, on behalf of the whole Year 5 team, we would like to say a massive thank you for the wonderful chocolate and treats – it was very thoughtful of you and we had very chocolatey holidays. We hope you all had a fantastic break and are ready for a busy term ahead! We have lots of fun things to learn and we are sure the children will continue to work as hard as they usually do.

Widening children's learning

This is an important year for Class 5 and any work you can do at home to supplement the children's learning at school will be enormously helpful. Please use this curriculum guide to help you understand the exciting experiences your child is telling you about after school.

In our own wider curriculum we have many exciting activities to look forward to in the summer, not least our adventure to Carrot Wood! Do keep an eye on Mrs Saunders's emails and the school calendar online to keep up to date with all of our fabulous opportunities for the children.

Curriculum Guide

English

Our **English** texts will be *Wolf Brother* and *Storm Breaker*. These are beautiful books that I know the children are going to enjoy a great deal. We will also be exploring prosody, performance and poetry-writing as we compose a rap piece to share with you in the Key Stage 2 performance. We will be using these texts to stimulate writing in a range of styles, using more complex language, punctuation and morphology (including suffixes).

It is still vitally important that children keep up the personal reading and learning of their spellings. The children did brilliantly in the end of term spelling test and we will continue with the new approach to the spelling contract. Children will receive their spellings on a Monday and be tested on a Friday. They can choose how to review them at home – and they do still need to spend time reviewing them at home. We will continue to dedicate time to the teaching of the spellings in class.

Reading remains a priority for all of our children. We continue to prioritise reading over other homework, and are asking of every family to hear your child read EVERY day and share a love of books with them throughout this term. We have seen significant improvements in both quantity and quality of reading and hope you will continue this focus on fluency, prosody and comprehension in your reading at home.

Maths

In **Maths** we will continue with our four-number operation work including investigations. During Term 5 we will work in detail on decimals and how they relate to fractions and begin to consider properties of shape. We will continue geometry into Term 6 as well as learning about units of measurement.

Speed and accuracy in their multiplication tables is vital to their success in maths! So please help the children to brush up on their times table knowledge. Mrs Joshua shared some great tips to align with our new Numberlink boards. We will continue with Rainbow Maths challenges weekly.

Science

In **Science** we will continue to explore how particles change in different states. We will conduct investigations into dissolving and separating mixtures. We will also learn what happens when substances are burned. We will move onto learn about animals, including humans and all living things. We will develop our scientific skills, including exploring a line of enquiry and conducting fair tests.

Humanities

This term we will explore Brazil in **Geography**, which deepens our knowledge of South America. Children will also develop important geographical skills, such as map reading, analysis and presentation of geographical data. We will also use enquiry-based learning to consider how geography is a dynamic subject where thinking and viewpoints change.

History in Term 6 will return to the Vikings and Anglo-Saxons. We will explore the question "What was life really like in Anglo-Saxon and Viking Britain?" including the similarities and differences between the different societies. We will consider how much we know about different groups of the population and learn about the attitudes and

values of Vikings and Anglo-Saxons. We will develop historical skills, including chronology, analysing evidence and considering the big picture as well as detailed information.

DT and Art

In **Art** we will learn about Brazil, especially the amazing colours and spectacle of the carnival, and the role of art in society. In **DT** we will learn about structures, focused on playgrounds. We will develop technical and creative skills, including design, sketching, collage, textiles, combining materials for effect, choosing materials for a purpose and costumes.

Religious Education (RE)

RE will continue the study of places of worship in different religions. We will begin to study the values and message of Christian values, considering what it means to be a Christian in society today.

French

In **French** we will learn a French pop song "Mercy". We will also continue with our Language Angels programme. We made great progress on "En Classe" last term and, once we have finalised our progress in this unit, will move on to "Les Jeux Olympiques".

Computing

I know many of the children are excited about our **Computing** topic this term – we are learning to create Pixel Art! We will continue our important learning about online safety and how we treat one another online. In Term 6 we will build on the programming knowledge that we have developed this term to compare how different programming tools work and learn how to build programming blocks.

Physical Education (PE)

Outdoor PE will be on Thursday where we will be developing our skills in a range of team games with the wonderful coach from Premier Sports. We will be learning rounders, which the children will absolutely love. Please ensure they have a suitable kit for the changeable spring weather! Come rain or shine we do go outside, so please do ensure children wear their school PE Kits with shoes with good grip.

Indoor PE on Tuesdays will be dance, and we are really lucky to have a choreographer coming in to help us with our dance performances!

PSHE/SMSC

PSHE and **SMSC** will be learning about Relationships in Term 5 and Changing Me in Term 6. These are really important and valuable topics in Year 5.

Music

In **Music** we will learn about UK Hip Hop as we compose music to perform to you at the Key Stage 2 production. This will deepen, develop and combine skills and knowledge we have learned over the year, including programming music, percussion notation and composing melodies using motifs and phrases, and developing music that creates a particular effect and mood.

Homework

This term we are asking children to prioritise reading and spelling and will not set additional homework.

As we move further into the academic year, please continue to encourage the children to independently take responsibility for their homework, belongings and for making sure everything they need for their learning is in school on the days required. As always, your continued encouragement and support is vital to your child's success - so thank you. If there are any worries or problems, please do not hesitate to contact us by email. We are certain that we will make the end of 2022 a great one; we look forward to all the new learning experiences and positive challenges that the next two terms bring us.

Kind Regards,

The Year 5 team