



Dear Parents/Carers,

We are now in Autumn 2 and the countdown to Christmas begins! The children have settled in well and have been eager to learn – let's keep this going! Let's make this half term an amazing term for learning and experiences. This letter will tell you what your child will be learning about in class. Further information about their learning can be found on our school website.

Getting Ready to Come to School

Children will need to come to school every day:

- Wearing their school uniform
- With their bookbag and water bottle
- Ready to learn!

Our Learning:

English



In Writing, we are writing a new chapter based on 'The Invention of Hugo Cabret' by Brian Selznick. We will then write explanation texts based on how everyday items work.

Reading



In Reading, we will be focusing on the skills of retrieve, define and infer. We will be exploring a range of texts linked to our writing genres.

Maths



This half term, we will be learning about multiplication and division, as well as further developing our understanding of fractions.

Science



Our focus this half term is physics. We will be learning about energy, different types of energy stores and how energy is transferred.

History



We will be learning about the Ancient Romans. We will focus on when and where they lived, their diversity and how the empire changed over time.

DT



In DT, we will be learning how to make pasta sauces.

Computing



In Computing, we will be learning to create media, looking at vector drawing.

Music



We will listen to and appreciate music, sing collectively, and improvise using instruments.

RE



In this unit, we will be studying theology and the Hindu Dharma. We will learn about how scriptures help us to understand Dharma and the interpretations of Ramayana.

PSHE



In PSHE, we will learn about Mental and Emotional Health, looking at what mental health is and how to negotiate and compromise.

PE



In gymnastics this half term, we will use movement in a creative way to respond to set tasks.



Spanish



This half term we will be learning to describe ourselves and others.

PE: Tuesday

Children should come to school in their PE kits on the day of their PE lesson.

- Please ensure that all parents/ carers have access to Dojo as this is an essential way to communicate. Let the class teacher know if you have any problems connecting.

Homework

- Please read with your child at least 3 times a week and record it on Learning with Parents. Please upload pictures and audios of your child reading. Not only does it give them pride in sharing, it also develops their fluency – a key skill in becoming an expert reader.
- Times tables should be practiced regularly on Times Table Rock Stars. Knowing the multiplication tables and being able to recall these facts quickly is a key skill that can be applied across multiple areas of the maths curriculum!

If you require any additional information, please contact your child's class teacher on Dojo, who will be happy to assist you.

Thank you for your continued support,

Yours sincerely,

The Year 5 team