

April 2018

Dear Parents of Year 5,

## Welcome back for the Summer Term!

We have got lots planned this term and the topics we are covering are shown below. Some important points about homework/supporting your child etc. are also outlined.



Topic: 'It's All About Me'

Children will be looking at their local geography as well as their family history. This will include them sharing their interests and making a puppet of someone that inspires them. A lot of the work in the subjects below will link into this theme and will be used to reinforce learning e.g. biographies / autobiographies in English.



### English

This half term, we will be writing discussion texts, poems and biographies / autobiographies.

**Spelling:** We will look at words from the Year 5 / 6 word lists and spellings that we call 'non negotiables.' Children will be using their planners to practise spellings. We will continue to cover a different focus each week or fortnight and children will need to learn spellings **weekly**. As well as daily sessions, we will do a test on a **Thursday** afternoon with a selection of words from the weekly focus.

**Reading:** A reminder that we will have daily group reading sessions. Children will read a text and will be expected to read given sections of this at home (**twice per week - see planners**). They will also answer comprehension questions on current news items and they will be expected to finish the questions in their purple exercise books once a week (at home). A rota is in operation so the evening for follow up work will differ between groups.

*Please try to listen to your child read as regularly as possible and ensure that you sign your child's planner to confirm they have done their homework. Children are expected to write a comment about what they have read (parents are encouraged to also write a comment, if possible). Children who read three times per week, and get a parental signature each time, are entered for a weekly draw to win a book. We encourage you to support your child in achieving this.*

It goes without saying that, the more children read, the more confident they will be as learners!



### Maths

We will be covering work on multiplying decimals and long multiplication; fractions of amounts; multiplying whole numbers by fractions; converting improper fractions to mixed numbers; ordering three place decimals; perimeter and scaling.

We will try to solve 'Big problems' so that children can apply their Maths in 'real life' scenarios.

We are placing a lot of emphasis on times tables and will have a weekly test. Children will be expected to learn their tables at home. **A great way to do this is on 'Times Table Rockstars.'** Children have already been given log-in details for this. If they have lost theirs or are new and haven't used Rockstars before, please let me know.

Children will also be given Maths to do on websites called 'My Maths' and 'Abacus.' This will normally be available on **Thursday or Friday for completion by the following Wednesday.** Please encourage your child to do the tasks. Once again, if you are having problems with any of the programs, let me know. Children can borrow a lap top at lunchtimes to do the work, if you have ICT issues!



### Science

We are looking at the 'Circulatory System.' Children will be set a 'Big Problem' which they will have to try and solve at the end of each half term using the skills and knowledge that they have learnt.



### PE

We will be learning about striking and fielding games and will continue to swim **until 3<sup>rd</sup> May.** **Please ensure that children have the correct kit. Our PE days are Tuesday and Thursday.**



### French

We are looking at a French topic called, 'Vive le temps libre' (Long live free time). Children will learn about hobbies and interests.



### Art/DT

We will be producing portraits in Art and will make puppets in DT (see above).



### Computing

Children will be learning more about 'blogging.'



### Music

We will focus on the theme of, 'My Music.'



### RE

We will study a topic called, 'What matters most to Hindus, Christians, Humanists and me?' This will look at some key beliefs of each.

If you would like to ask a question/have a query about any school related matter, then please put it in the planner. Planners will be checked at least weekly. You can, of course, just come into school at home time and have a chat if you want to discuss something!

### Important Dates

**Wed. 23<sup>rd</sup> May** 'Big Dig' archaeology trip to Thornton Le Street (more details to follow)

**Thurs. 21<sup>st</sup> June** Year 5 Enrichment Day at Thirsk HS

**Wed. 27<sup>th</sup> June** Year 5 Open Morning

Best wishes, Mr K J Macklam, Class teacher

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