

# Year 5

## Autumn Term 1 Newsletter

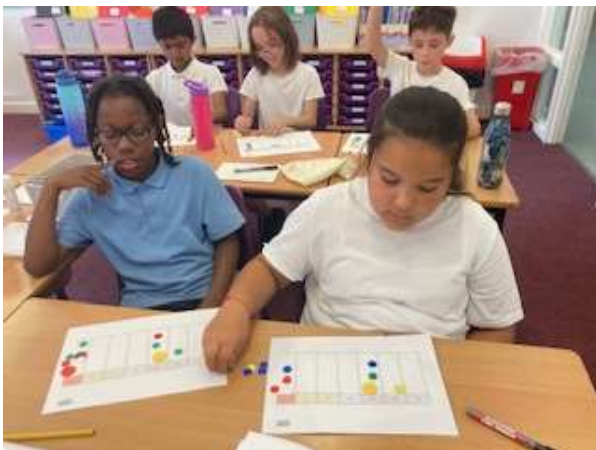
<b>English</b>	This half term we are working on our new 'I'm a Clever Writer' approach to writing, which is an approach to writing that is being followed throughout the school. Our English lessons will focus on the skills we are developing in order to be a successful year 5 writer. We will be using different books as stimulus for our writing and this half term we will be using the story 'The Bear and the Piano' and also 'Oranges in No Man's Land'. The skills we will be developing are writing coherent main clauses, using fronted adverbials correctly, using expanding noun phrases and punctuating speech correctly.
<b>Reading</b>	We will have daily guided reading sessions, which involve reading with our teacher and completing a range of reading activities about the selected text. We have started reading 'Oranges in No Man's Land' in preparation for our English lessons. In 5CH, we will then begin reading 'The Firework Maker's Daughter' by Phillip Pullman and in 5W, we will be reading 'Shackleton's Journey' by William Grill. Please encourage your child to read at home at least three times a week to an adult and fill in their new and improved homework diaries which need to come into school <b>every</b> Friday.
<b>Maths</b>	This half term the children's learning will be based on place value and feeling secure in numbers up to 1 million. It is important to encourage your child to practise their times tables regularly – they should know them up to 12 with instant recall. Children need to practise their times tables on Times Tables Rockstars every week as part of their homework.
<b>Science</b>	'The Circle of Life' - the life cycles of plants and animals
<b>Foundation subjects</b>	<b>History</b> – Baghdad 900 CE <b>Geography</b> – 'Spatial Sense' <b>RE</b> – 'Sacred Texts and Beliefs' <b>Art</b> – 'Style in Art' <b>Computing</b> – 'What are Computers?' and 'Sorting Data' <b>Music</b> – 'How does music bring us together?' <b>French</b> – classroom objects and asking questions <b>PSHE</b> – 'Team' <b>PE</b> – swimming

## Key Dates & Reminders

- Swimming - Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December
- Bikeability - Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October
- Reading drop in – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September
- Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October and Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October – Parents Consultation Evenings.
- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October – FOMS Bingo Night
- Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October–Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October – Half Term

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8:30-8:40	8.40	8.50 – 9.10	9.15 – 10.15		10.30 – 11.30	11.30 – 12.10		1.00-1:30	1:30 – 2:05	2.05 – 3.10	
Mon	Registration	Whole school Assembly	Maths	Break 10.15 – 10.30	English	Library / Guided Reading	Lunch 12.10 – 1.00	Art		Computing	Story
Tues	Registration	Whole school Assembly	Maths		English	Guided Reading		History		Geography	Story
Wed	Registration	Guided Reading	Maths		English	PSHE		Science x2		Guided reading	Story
Thurs	Registration	News from around the world assembly	Maths		English	Guided Reading		French		Religious Studies	Story
Fri	Registration	Achievement assembly	Maths		English	Music		Swimming		Spellings Launch	Story



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