Term 2 Year 5 Parent Overview

We hope you all have had a lovely half term break. We just wanted to say a big thank you for your support with homework last term. We will continue to send home homework on a Tuesday and it will need to be handed in on a Monday. This will include spellings, Quick Maths and a reading comprehension sheet. The children should continue to read at least 3 times a week and need to record this in their reading diaries. Reading diaries are checked every Friday but the children read most days in school, so please ensure their reading book and diary is in their bag every day. We will have PE on a **Tuesday** and a **Friday** this term, so your child should come to school wearing their kit on these days. Below is an overview of what we will be learning this term. If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact us. Thank you. Mrs Bainbridge (Class Teacher), Mrs Brookes (Class Teacher), Mr Ponting (Teaching Assistant) and Mrs Millward (Teaching Assistant).

English



Our first talk for writing text is a poetry unit based around the poem 'It's Early'. We will look at performing poetry, and write our own poems using senses, similes and figurative language. Our fiction unit will be 'The Ice Forest'. We will learn about descriptive writing, the use of imagery and develop our grammar skills. We will also be having a focus on cursive handwriting; recapping on all of the joins using a variety of methods.

Maths



This term we will be focussing on three key areas in maths: multiplication & division and fractions. We will be looking at factors, prime numbers, square numbers and cube numbers. The children will then go on to divide and multiply by 10, 100 and 1000. Finally, we will go onto our fractions unit of work where we will be, recognising equivalent fractions, converting improper fractions to mixed numbers and then moving on to adding and subtracting fractions.

Science



This term our science topic is properties and changes of materials. Our key guestions this term are:

- What happens when a solid is added to water?
- How can some changes to materials be reversed?
- What is the difference between reversible and irreversible changes?
- What changes are made from heating and cooling?
- What changes are caused by burning?
- What are the properties of a material which mean it is useful for making these objects?

Geography



This term our Geography unit will focus on Brazil. During this topic we will be learning about, where Brazil is, the physical geography of Brazil, the importance of the Amazon Rainforest, the reason for migration to the cities in Brazil and what Brazil is like as a tourist destination. The children will also develop their map reading skills by locating key features on a map using grid references.

RE



In RE our we will be explaining the place of incarnation and Messiah within the 'big story' of the Bible. We will begin our unit by identifying Gospel and prophecy texts using technical terms. We will then go on to look at how

French



The class will continue to have Mr Ponting for French. This term the class will focus on recapping on previous learning, including:

- Introducing themselves

Christians put their beliefs about Jesus' incarnation into practice in different ways by celebrating Christmas.

- Numbers 1-100
- French games

Wellbeing



This term our focus will be on valuing differences.

We will be thinking about the things that make us the same as each other and what makes us different from others in our lives and our community. We will also be thinking about kindness and how it can help everyone. At the end of this unit, we will be thinking about the importance of being respectful and safe online.

Art



This term we will be learning about the artist Henry Rousseau. We will be learning about Henry Rousseau, what styles and techniques he used, his significant works and then for our final lessons we will be using pastels to create a piece in the style of Henry Rousseau.



PE



PE will be on a Tuesday and a Friday this term. On a Friday we will be covering our games unit Basketball. We will cover dribbling, passing, footwork & pivoting, keeping possession and marking. On Tuesdays we will have indoor PE. This term's focus is circuit training. We will develop flexibility, strength, control and balance. We will additionally look at yoga as part of our wellbeing.





This term we will be continuing to learn about Blues Music. We have already learnt the 12 Bar Blues and will go on to improvising a piece with a familiar, repetitive backing. When we have finished the Blues Music unit we will be listening to South and West Africa Music. We will learn 'Shosholoza', a traditional South African song, and play the accompanying chords using tuned percussion. We will also learn some dance moves ready to perform this song in its entirety.