

# Autumn term 2020



# Year 5

Year 5 is taught by Mr Helm and supported by Mrs Rush.

### English

Our work in English will focus on narrative writing, recounts and report texts. We will also explore and write a range of poetry. There will be a strong emphasis on grammar, paragraphs, sentence structure and appropriate use of punctuation. Much of our comprehension, guided reading and writing work will be focussed around our Whole Class Texts: Explorer, Katherine Rundell, and 'A Christmas Carol' by Charles Dickens.



### Mathematics

The focus for this term will be to develop greater confidence and fluency in place value and number. We will also explore some wider areas of the curriculum, such as shape and measure, which will consolidate our understanding of number even further. We will apply all our learning to a range of problems and puzzles. We will also continue to develop our mental strategies and arithmetic alongside our written Maths.

### Computing

We will use ICT across the curriculum. We will learn about e-safety and develop programming skills using 'Scratch' by developing our understanding of flowcharts and sequences within computing.

### Topic

In the first half term, the theme will be 'Rivers'. We will find out about the different features of rivers from their source to mouth and how they impact on the landscape. We will study local rivers and research rivers around the world developing their fieldwork and mapping skills. Our Art topics for this term are Painting and Drawing and will be focussed around our topic work. Our art work will be inspired by influential artists in each field, including Monet and Lowry. The topic focus after this will be the 'Victorians'. We will develop historical enquiry skills, considering similarities and

differences between this period of history and the modern day. We will explore key people, such as Queen Victoria, and key events throughout the Industrial Revolution as we develop our understanding of life in the Victorian Era.

### Science

Our Science topics for this term are Forces and Earth and Space. We will learn about the forces acting on and around us and will carry out a range of investigations to explore these different forces. We will then explore the planets in our Solar system, including the concepts of orbit and rotation.

### RE



We will begin by exploring The Bible focusing on key aspects of the Old and New Testaments and how and why Christians use the Bible in their everyday lives. We will be celebrating the Festivals of Harvest and Christmas and will also be looking at aspects of Islam.

### Music

The children will be learning about cyclic patterns in music. They will transfer speech patterns onto drums and use the rhythms as a starting point for improvisation. Children will perform two African greetings as a call and response accompanied by body percussion.

### PE

Children will be taught PE by the PE coach on Wednesday and this will cover Fun and Fitness in the first half term and move onto Invasion Games in the second half. Mr Helm will teach PE on Thursday and the focus will be on hockey, including passing, striking and dribbling skills.



### French



We will focus on the topics of 'holidays' and 'eating out' as we develop simple conversations using a wider range of vocabulary.

## **Helpful information:**

PE – full kit is needed on Wednesday and Thursday

Please ensure that children have an outdoor PE kit (tracksuit and trainers) in school. Earrings must be removed.

Music lessons (guitar & woodwind) – Tuesday lunchtime

## **Homework:**

- Reading - 15 to 20 minutes daily (including an activity)

Reading books given on a Friday and must be returned Monday or Tuesday of the following week

- English/Maths – Given on a Friday and must be returned Monday or Tuesday of the following week

**No reading books or homework can be accepted into school on a Wednesday, Thursday or Friday**

- Spellings – Given on a Wednesday for a test the following Wednesday
- Other homework for topic will be set as appropriate