



## Welcome

Welcome back to a new school year! I hope that you all had a fantastic and refreshing summer break. There is a lot to look forward to over the course of this year's learning journey and I'm absolutely delighted to be part of the Year 5 chapter.

## Reading

Reading at home remains an important factor in children's learning. Please try for a minimum of four sessions per week for at least 10 minutes and record this in your child's reading record with any comments you may have.

Great strategies to improve fluency, expression and vocabulary is to occasionally allow your child to read passages aloud and also to read with an adult. This support will also boost their confidence and foster a greater interest and love for reading which has so many positive wider effects in their overall learning journey.

There is a wide selection of books in both the class and school library and it would be wonderful to see children choosing new books on a regular basis- in Year 5, this can be in their own time such as first thing in the morning. We have a curated Amazon wishlist of books and would be very thankful if you would like to donate any to the class: <https://amzn.eu/7ihm0Jp>

## English Lessons – Reading and Writing

We teach a reading lesson every day and focus on a class novel linked to learning in other subjects, and a wide range of poetry. Our reading focuses on increasing vocabulary and word knowledge, comprehension, fluency and reading for pleasure. **This term our class novel is 'Cosmic' by Frank Cottrell-Boyce** which is followed in Term 2 by **The Boy at the Back of the Class by Onjali Q. Rauf**.

Writing is taught daily and we use picture books, poetry and animated films as a stimulus to base our writing on. We will be working on sentence level work – including accurate structure, tenses, vocabulary and punctuation. Those children who require more support with reading and writing will be supported in class.

## Mathematics

This year, Maths will focus on: mental arithmetic with set time each day for times tables fluency. We will spend time recapping mathematical concepts and basic facts as well as developing problem solving skills. **This term, we will focus on: 'place value and number', 'addition and subtraction', 'multiplication and division' and 'fractions'**. We are still encouraging children to use TT Rockstars to help with times tables (password reminders will be sent home next week). Additional Maths homework tasks will be available on the My Maths portal with tasks each week relating to the curriculum content.

### Art

This term, the class will be focusing on drawing based on, and exploring, the work of Teis Alber.

### Science

In science this term, we will be studying the unit: **'Animals, including humans'**- following the human life cycle, seeing how humans change and how these changes can be linked to other animals. We'll also recap on lifecycles. Following on from that, we'll be learning about **'Earth and Space'** in term 2.

### Humanities

This term we are focusing on **'Geography'** and will be learning all about **'mountains'**. As well as learning all about different mountain ranges around the world, we'll also look at mountains in the UK as well as learning how to identify key information on maps. Next term, we'll learn all about **Ancient Greece** in our history studies.

### Spellings

Children will continue to build on the amazing work they did last year at learning key spellings and will use a lot of visual and oral strategies to help remember words. **The full spelling list for the term is attached** to this letter and will also be stuck in spelling books each week ready for a **spelling test every Friday**. Those children who require more support with spelling will be supported in class and may receive some different/additional words. Please support your child by helping them to learn their spellings and encourage them to use the words given to them as often as possible.

### RE

Our first term focuses on the topic of: **Creation and Covenant**. Children will follow the life of Moses and we'll learn specifically about the 10 Commandments.

We will soon be looking for members of our class to be part of this year's school **Chaplaincy Team**, too!

### Music

We will look at 'How does music bring us together?', finding the ancient origins connecting it to; friendship and peace.

### PE

**All children** are expected to join in PE as it helps to develop fine and gross motor skills as well as improving their mental and physical health.

Outdoor PE with Mr Croucher will take place on a **Tuesday afternoon**.

Indoor PE will be on a **Thursday afternoon**.

It is expected that children wear the correct kit for every lesson: a plain white t-shirt or yellow St Augustines T-shirt, black shorts and trainers. If they need a jumper then this too must be a school jumper/plain black jumpers or the St Augustines Hoodie.

Please ensure that your child wears the correct school kit for every lesson and these can be worn on PE days.

Reminder: no earrings to be worn for PE and hair should always be tied up.