

## Year 5 Autumn Newsletter

I hope you have all had a lovely start to the new term. I have noticed that everyone has enjoyed being back in school, seeing their friends and engaging in new learning. We look forward to a successful year and thank you in advance for your continued support and encouragement.



### Writing:

This term in Literacy our class book is 'Running on the Roof of the World' by Jess Butterworth. So far we have focused on how to find out more information about a character based on the things they say or do. We will use all of this learning to rewrite chapters from the two main character's perspective. In the second part of the half term we will have a non-fiction focus and use the book 'Hidden Figures' about the space race between America and the USSR. We will write character descriptions, formal letters and non-chronological reports.

### Reading

We expect that all children in Year 5 read at least 3 times a week, if not more. Reading is a vital skill for all curriculum areas and hope that you can encourage your child to read daily. When reading with your child, make sure to check their understanding by asking questions about the characters and plot.



In Mathematics, we will be working on multiple objectives throughout the term.

So far we have covered Place Value and have recapped some of our prior learning from Year 4. Within the Place Value unit we have looked at numbers to 1,000,000. We have compared, ordered and rounded numbers.

In the second half of the term we will begin to look at addition and subtraction, as well as statistics which includes reading and interpreting data, drawing line graphs and understanding timetables.

Weekly Athletics challenges will be set. All children have been reminded of their username and password which they have written at the front of their planner. Please continue to help your child with their times tables and understanding of telling the time.



This half term in Science we will be focusing on all things space! We be looking at the Solar System and how the Sun is at the centre of it all. We will be looking at the different planets we have in our Solar System and identifying the characteristics such as climate and moons. After this, we will look at why we have day and night as well as time zones and our moon.

Key Words: moon, planet, Solar System, axis, Sun, Earth, night, day, crater

### Useful Websites

Online Encyclopaedia <https://www.dkfindout.com/uk/space/>

NASA image of the day <https://www.nasa.gov/multimedia/imagegallery/iodt.html>

Children's University of Manchester <https://www.childrensuniversity.manchester.ac.uk/learning-activities/science/the-earth-and-beyond/introduction/>



# Other Curriculum Areas



**Think, Explore, Discover** - We have a geography focus this term and are learning all about mountains. So far we have located different mountains across the world, followed the directions on a compass and learnt about contour lines. We will also learn about how mountains are formed and how living things are adapted to life on the mountains.

**P.E.** - We will looking at Netball this term. Learning the different passes involved, the rules about movement and how to work and communicate as a team.

**PSHE** - At the start of the term we focussed on a whole school text 'Here We Are'. As we have moved through the term we have also spent a lot of time discussing empathy and compassion to others.

**Languages** - We are joined each Wednesday by Miss Arthur from Trinity Academy who is helping us to learn Spanish.

## Things to Remember

- Planner
- Water bottle
- Reading Book
- PE Kit on Wednesday
- Correct Uniform

## Homework

- Athletics (set Monday to Monday)
- Teams Homework (Set Monday to Monday)
- Comprehension (Set Monday to Monday)
- Spellings (Set Monday, Test Friday)
- Topic Homework - check front page of homework book.

## Important Dates

Jeans for Genes Day - 18th September.

Recycling Week – 21st September

National Poetry Day – 1st October

Walk to School Week – 5th October

Harvest Festival – 7<sup>th</sup> October

Black History Month –12th October

Flu Immunisations –13th October

Break up – Friday, 16th October

School opens again – 3rd November

## Uniform

Thank you for ensuring that your child comes to school in the correct uniform. Please remember that if your child is wearing a shirt they should also be wearing their tie.