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Dear Year 5 Parents/Carers,

## Year 5 Curriculum Letter - Spring (1st half)

### Message from the teachers

Happy New Year and welcome back! We hope you have had an enjoyable Christmas break. What a fantastic term we had before Christmas with many fun activities that the children got to enjoy. We hope everybody is refreshed and ready for an exciting Spring Term.

### Our Core Values

Happiness: we spread joy to those around us.

Compassion: we care and are kind to all.

Respect: we treat others as we like to be treated.

Teamwork: we work well with everyone.

### Year 5 Staffing

Meranti class teacher: Miss Rudge

Elm class teacher: Mr Stoddard

Year 5 learning support assistants: Miss Copley, Miss Heffernan and Mrs Roberts

### Communication

Please feel free to arrange a meeting should you wish to speak to one of the teachers in person. Alternatively, you can email class teachers directly on the class email accounts and we will do our best to get back to you within a couple of working days.

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### Homework

Homework, will be sent out every Friday. Please return the homework to your class teacher the following Friday.

We have also subscribed to [Bug Club](#) online reading and [Mathletics](#) online maths activities. Pupils require their own log ins for these websites. Please contact the school office if you need to be reminded what your child's log in details are.

We will be sending new books home every Monday. Please remember to send these books back in to school each Monday. A new book will not be issued until the previous one has been returned.

## Spring Term Learning

This half term we will be learning the following in each subject area.

### English

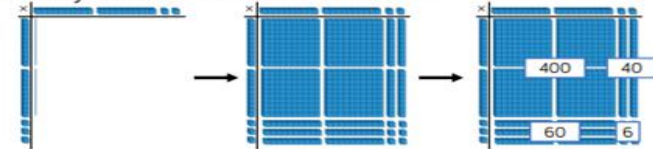
We will be reading 'Street Child' by Berlie Doherty in English this term. It is a novel based on Jim Jarvis, who alerted Dr Barnado to the plight of destitute children in Victorian London. We will create 'Conquer the Monster' stories based on this, where a character finds an evil person or creature to beat/overcome. Later this half term, we will create an information piece of writing, a biography linked to the core text of Beowulf.



### Mathematics

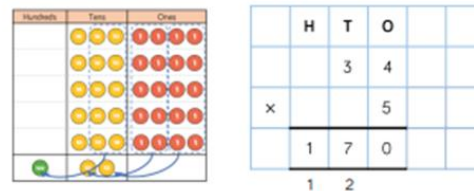
In Maths this half term, Year 5 will be developing their knowledge of multiplication and division, fractions, decimals, percentages, perimeter, area and statistics.

Whitney uses Base 10 to calculate  $23 \times 22$



How could you adapt your Base 10 model to calculate these:  
 $32 \times 24$        $25 \times 32$        $35 \times 32$

Ron also uses place value counters to calculate  $5 \times 34$



### Science

The Year 5 Science unit this term is titled 'Marvellous Mixtures'. We will be planning and carrying out experiments with a range of mixtures and exploring the changes that occur between solid, liquid and gas. In addition, we will be developing our understanding of fair testing.

### History

We will be looking at the Anglo Saxon era. The children will be learning how they lived and about the significance of the Staffordshire Hoard. They will also explore their religious beliefs and practices.



### Art and Design

In Art and Design this half term, Year 5 will be exploring every picture tells a story in art. The children will learn about different artist such as Banksy (Clacton Pigeon Mural), abstract art inspired by Rorschach and even how to communicate stories through pictures such as emoji.



### **Physical Education**

The P.E. unit in year 5 this half term is 'Step to the Beat'. Step to the Beat will be focused on controlled movements to sounds. The children will focus on choreography and learning a dance sequence. Please ensure children come into school wearing their PE kits on Thursdays.



On Friday afternoons this half term, Elm class will be going swimming.

### **Forest School**

Forest School will be taking place each Friday afternoon for Meranti Class this half term. The children will be given opportunities to learn in nature, building a range of skills and making observations of the changing seasons.

### **French**

The Year 5 French unit this half term is 'That's Tasty'. The children will learn vocabulary linked to drinks, breakfasts, sandwiches and pizza, where they will get the chance to role play ordering certain food and drinks in French.

### **Religious Education**

Year 5 will be exploring the topic 'Peace'. This will include, looking at the theme of peace across the religions, comparisons across the religions, inner peace, community cohesion and symbols of peace

### **Music**

We are very fortunate to still have a specialist music teacher in school, every Tuesday, to teach Year 5 music lessons, continuing to play the clarinet.



### **Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education**

'Dreams and goals' is the PSHE unit for this half term, where the children will be looking in to their own hopes and dreams for the future, including their ideal job and strategies how to achieve this, and learn how to be resilient and pursue their goals. We will also be developing our skills in teamwork, communication and organisation within a skills building project.

Please feel free to contact us via the class email accounts should you have any questions over the term ahead.

Yours faithfully,

Miss Rudge and Mr Stoddard  
Year 5 teachers