

## **Year 5 Spring Term 2017**

In the Spring term we will be covering the following:

**English:** We will be studying the book 'There's a boy in the girls' bathroom' by Louis Sachar, followed by Shackleton's Journey. These will give us the opportunity to focus on a variety of genres, including both formal and informal recounts (letters and emails, incident reports), flashbacks, persuasion, poetry, C.V's, arguments and speeches.

**Mathematics:** We will continue and deepen our understanding of numbers including negative numbers and rounding; decimals, fractions and percentages; calculating including long multiplication, division and the inverse; measuring; understanding shape and statistics. We will also identify relationships and connections across the mathematics curriculum.

**Computing:** We will be following the theme 'We are artists'. This will consist of work on tessellation and using ICT to produce work in the style of famous artists.

**RE:** We will study Islam, and the importance of Easter to the Christian community.

**Explore and Discover:** This term the focus will be primarily on Science topics. We will study the Earth and Beyond, before moving on to consider the forces around us. Later this term we will also think about materials and how they can change due to factors like heat.

**PE:** Swimming (Tuesday), dancing (Thursday).

**Design and Technology:** We will be carrying out a project to create a pencil case USB stick.

**Music:** We will be singing, playing instruments, improvising and performing composing activities based on the music of ABBA. We will also use a musical vocabulary to discuss the music heard.

### **Homework:**

Children in Year 5 are expected to read to an adult outside of school a minimum of 3 times a week. If they do this 10 times in a term they will receive a Brilliant Bookworm certificate. We will continue to follow the Schofield and Sims spelling books. Please ensure that the short reinforcement exercise is completed at home and that your child learns their set spellings for a dictation on Tuesdays. In addition to this, children will be given further spellings to learn from the government's guidelines for year 5 children, to be tested on a Tuesday. Look, say, cover, write, check sheets may also be given to assist with learning spellings.

On Friday children will be given a Maths task for completion by the following Tuesday. Each week, they will also be required to complete an English task for completion by the following Tuesday.

### **How can you help?**

It is important to listen to your child read aloud, but more importantly to ask them questions about their reading. Children need to be encouraged to learn their times tables. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your child, please make an appointment to see us. We are looking forward to seeing you at Parents Evening.

Mrs. Loft, Miss Nixon and Mr Edmonds.