



Happy New Year and welcome back to school. I hope everyone has had a well-deserved rest after all of their hard work in the autumn term. We had a very successful start to the school year with most of the children growing in confidence and making great progress with their work. Thank you for your support with reading comments and homework in the autumn term. We saw great improvements in the reading and homework completed over the term so hopefully this continues. If you have any queries or questions, please get in touch via Class Dojo but please remember if your message is urgent to contact the office as I don't always have chance to check this during the school day.

Mrs Hall

# Year 5 spring newsletter

## This term our lessons will include:

- Reading 'The Boy at the Back of the Class' and 'The Highwayman' in our English lessons.
- Learning about multiplication and division, fractions, decimals and percentages and perimeter and area in maths
- A study of economic activity in geography.
- Studying the ancient Maya in history.
- Learning about Earth and space and living things and their habitats in science.
- Designing and making our own mechanism in design technology.
- Creating a collage in art.
- Answering the key questions: 'What do Christians believe about God?' and 'Why is the Last Supper so important to Christians?' in RE.
- Learning about online safety and 3D modelling in computing.
- Developing our understanding of how to talk about the date in French.
- Exploring songs from West Africa and South Africa in our music lessons.

## PE

This term, we will be doing tag rugby and dance in our PE lessons which now take place on Tuesdays and Fridays as we no longer have swimming. PE kits should be brought into school and left in class for the half term in case of any timetable changes. Please send in joggers or leggings and a jumper/ hoodie for any outdoor PE lessons we might have on colder days.



## Homework / Assessment

Maths and English homework will continue to be set on Fridays and due back the following Friday. We continue to ask for reading comments to be completed in your child's reading record at least 3 times per week. Any extra comments earn an additional Dojo point. If your child is a fluent reader, they are welcome to do most of their reading independently but please continue to discuss what they read and sign the record.

## Diary dates

- Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> January – Young Voices performance / cricket and netball festival
- Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February – Children's mental health week
- Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February – Safer Internet Day
- Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day
- Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March – DT and art showcase
- Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March – Silent Disco Day

Further dates will be shared on Class Dojo as they are confirmed.

