

# Year 5 Newsletter - Spring Term 2

Dear Parents,

Welcome back! Please take some time to find out what we'll be covering in the run up to Easter and please do use the suggestions for home learning with your child.

All the best, Miss Plant.

 <p>English</p>	<p>This term, our author focus is Neil Gaiman. Having read 'Coraline', we will be exploring some of his other works, whilst we continue our fiction unit around 'The Tear Thief' by Carol Ann Duffy. Pupils will be writing stories with a special focus on dialogue and description.</p>
 <p>Reading for Pleasure</p>	<p>As always, we have a range of literature available in school for pupils to enjoy and to share with you at home. The library continues to be staffed on a Thursday lunchtime, by Mrs Farrow should pupils wish to borrow a book. This half term, I am especially recommending 'Ghost' by Jason Reynolds and 'Moonlocket' by Peter Bunzl.</p>
 <p>Maths</p>	<p>As we come to the end of our fractions unit, our Maths learning will focus on decimals and percentages. I strongly encourage pupils to make use of <a href="https://www.mathsisfun.com">https://www.mathsisfun.com</a> to support their classroom learning, and, as always, it is vital that pupils continue to practise their times tables at home to increase their speed. The times tables rockstars website facilitates this: <a href="http://www.ttrockstars.com">www.ttrockstars.com</a></p>
 <p>Science</p>	<p>This half term, Year 5 will be learning about forces. They will be looking at the movement of the planets and ideas about the Earth's rotation. Pupils wanting to learn more can go to: <a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zvpp34j/articles/zywcrdm">https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zvpp34j/articles/zywcrdm</a></p>
 <p>RE</p>	<p>In RE, this half term, as we approach Easter, we will be looking at understanding the concept of Salvation. Pupils will also look at the miracle of Jesus healing the paralysed man and could extend this research at home.</p>
 <p>Computing</p>	<p>Year 5 will be looking at databases and creating computer games as part of the Computing curriculum this half term. Be sure to log onto Purple Mash to complete computing homework.</p>
 <p>Topic</p>	<p>During Topic week, Year 5 will be exploring the history of Ancient Baghdad. Pupils are encouraged to conduct their own research, prior to Topic week and may find some interesting information on the BBC's website: <a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/history-ks2-baghdad-in-900ad/zjfxpg8">https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/history-ks2-baghdad-in-900ad/zjfxpg8</a> In addition to this, our Black History topic will look at trade, specifically the silk roads.</p>
 <p>PE</p>	<p>This term, Year 5 will be learning how to play invasion games in their lessons with Mr Browne. PE (for Year 5) is still on a Monday, for which all children are expected to bring complete and appropriate kit - a white t-shirt, black shorts or leggings and trainers.</p>
 <p>Music</p>	<p>The theme for our music study this half term is 'The Fresh Prince of Bel Air'. Pupils will be learning to sing, play and improvise, around this piece of music.</p>
 <p>Languages</p>	<p>Year 5's Latin learning, this term, will centre around the theme of childhood and school, with pupils exploring relevant aspects of ancient Roman culture and language.</p>

### Attendance

In order for your child to get the best out of school and maximise their learning, please make sure your child is **on time for school and comes to school every day**. School starts at **8.45am**. Thank you.

### Homework

All pupils have login details for Times Tables Rockstars and Purple Mash, which they are able to log into at home to practise.

As part of the children's homework, could I ask all parents/guardians to read to your child for at least 15 minutes every day - all pupils have a home reader which should come into school and go home every day.