



# Year 5 Autumn Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you all had an enjoyable summer break. We are looking forward to the autumn term ahead and hope the children are too. This is how the curriculum looks for this term:

In **English**, we will be studying *Wonder* by R.J. Palacio. Using this text, we will be exploring a range of different skills and techniques to develop our writing. We will be considering audience and purpose for different text types, such as setting and character descriptions, arguments, non-chronological and newspaper reports, and procedural texts. We will continue to read a wide range of fiction and non-fiction texts alongside our main story.

In **maths** this term, we will be exploring place value in detail, focusing on handling larger numbers up to 1,000,000. We will practise methods to become proficient in addition, subtraction, multiplication and division, and learn how to solve problems around them. Throughout the term, we will be working on our reasoning skills to deepen our understanding of each topic.

In **science** our first topic will be 'Earth and Space'. We will be describing the shapes and movement of the Sun, Moon, Earth and other planets in the solar system. We will be studying the Italian scientist Galileo Galilei, who discovered that the sun is the centre of our solar system. After half-term, we will be exploring the properties and changes of materials, based on first hand observations. During this topic, the children will develop their investigative skills.

Our **topic** for the autumn term is 'The Vikings and Anglo-Saxons'. We will be using timelines to explore how the Anglo-Saxons fit into our history and the reasons why they invaded Britain. We will be using primary sources to explore their daily life. We will also be looking at where these invaders came from and how their homeland geography (Northern Europe) compares to Britain.

**Homework** will continue to be set each Friday in orange homework books. This will be due back in by the following Wednesday. Please note, that if homework is not completed, 5 minutes of Golden Time will be deducted. If there is a particular reason why homework cannot be completed on time, please speak to your class teacher. The homework will usually be based on the Maths or English concepts studied during the week, but may occasionally focus on Topic or Science work. For one of the half-terms, a longer project will be set.

**Spellings** will be set each Friday in yellow spelling books. The spelling test will take place on the following Friday. Please use the spelling book to practise spellings, especially using them in sentences, bringing books to school each week.

Each child should be **reading** frequently to an adult at home, as well as reading independently daily. Please ensure that children have their reading diaries and reading books with them every day, so that we can read with your child regularly.

**Library Books** - Each class visits the school library weekly to choose a book to promote reading for pleasure. These can be taken home, but also need to be brought to school daily for children to read during B.E.A.R time.

**P.E.** will take place twice a week, with one PE lesson outside, so please ensure your child has appropriate clothing and pumps/trainers. This term, we will be focussing on netball and gymnastics. **5G** will have PE on **Tuesday** and **Friday**. **5S** will have PE on **Wednesday** and **Thursday**.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to a fantastic term. Please contact us if you have any questions.

Miss Grecis and Miss Sharma

