



## Welcome

It has been our pleasure to welcome your child back to school this week! The children have settled into the new routines and have made a fantastic start to the year. We are all looking forward to a very successful and exciting year together.

This letter gives you an overview of what to expect from the Autumn term, including details of the curriculum and how to help your child at home.

### Year 5 team:

**Teachers:** Miss Wherly, Mrs Hatton and Mr Maguire (Year Lead)

**Support:** Mrs Williams and Miss Crilly

## English

We will be teaching writing and reading through our English lessons. The children will learn to write their own short story, formal letter and playscript. English skills will be developed through engaging with a range of high-quality texts such as *Friend or Foe* (Michael Morpurgo) and *Letters from the Lighthouse* (Emma Carroll).

The children will also build on their handwriting, grammar and spelling skills through our English lessons. They will be working on including these vital skills in their writing.

### How can parent/carers help?

Please support your child to complete their English homework and to listen to them read 5 times a week.

## Mathematics

We are a Maths Mastery school, and in our Maths lessons the children will be developing their fluency, reasoning and problem solving. We will be working on numbers to 1,000,000, addition, subtraction, multiplication, division and fractions.

In Arithmetic lessons, the children will learn to secure their knowledge of mental calculations, timestables and the four operations

In our times table lessons, the children will learn key facts in a fun and engaging way. Pupils will continue to have access to Timestable Rockstars and will use 'Supermovers' too.

### How can parent/carers help?

Please support your children to complete their maths homework and to practise their times tables.

## Foundation Subjects

**History and Geography** - Children will be learning all about World War II in the first half term and then we will have a Geography focus as we move towards Christmas.

**Science** - Children will continue to develop their knowledge about the properties and changes of materials.

**Art** - Children will use their drawings skills, using a drawing grid and view finders. Children will use the work of a range of war artists to learn the different ways art can be used to document the war and the impact on people.

**Music** - Children will be learning how to listen and appraise a range of rock anthems. They will take part in a range of musical activities involving singing, playing instrumental parts and improvising their own music.

**Relationships and Health Education** - This term, children will learn the topics Healthy Me and Being Me in My World.

**Computing** - This term, the pupils will be studying Digital Literacy. As part of this unit pupils will identify a range of ways to report concerns about content and contact.

**RE** - Children will learn about the key Jewish beliefs and practices. They will also learn about prejudice within the context of Judaism and how this has links to World War 2.

## PE

**All classes will have PE on Tuesday and Wednesday. Please can children come to school in their PE uniform on these days.**

Children will be taking part in team building games, athletics, volleyball and netball.

## Homework and Reading

Please practise times tables.

Read, Read, Read!

We expect children to read 5 times per week. Children can record reading in their diaries, but we ask you to sign it once per week as a minimum.

Homework will be given out on a Thursday and is expected to be back in school the following Thursday.