YEAR 5 NEWSLETTER

Autumn 2

Our English Learning

This half-term, we will develop our writing, reading and speaking skills through a range of engaging activities.

- **Performance poetry:** Exploring rhythm, expression and intonation to perform poems confidently.
- **Setting and character descriptions:** Year 5 will use ambitious vocabulary and descriptive language to bring characters and settings to life.
- **Christmas Around the World:** Combine RE and writing to explore Christmas traditions and celebrations across different cultures.
- **Reading:** Build fluency, comprehension and a love of reading with increasingly challenging Year 5 texts.

How you can support your child with English

- Read with your child each evening. Please don't forget to sign their reading record.
- Practise weekly spellings and the Year 5 statutory spelling words (these are sent home in small purple books.)

R.E. What does it mean to be a Muslim in Britain today?

This unit explores Muslim beliefs about God, the Prophet Muhammad and the Qur'an and how these guide daily life.

History: What was life like in Anglo-Saxon England?

The Anglo-Saxons settled in Britain after the Romans left around AD 410, shaping its culture, language and beliefs. This half-term, we will explore key historical events and discover how the Anglo-Saxons lived, including their homes, food, clothing, jobs and religious beliefs.

Other News and Updates

P.E.: P.E. will take place every **Tuesday and Thursday**. Children should come to school wearing their P.E. kit on these days, with their school jumper, cardigan or fleece worn over the top.

The P.E. kit consists of:

- White T-shirt
- Black shorts or leggings
- Trainers or pumps

Please remember that earrings must be removed before P.E. lessons.

A Final Note

As always, no question is too small! Please feel free to pop in for a chat if you have any questions, concerns or would like advice on how to support your child's learning at home.

Thank you for your support!

Our Mathematics Learning

This half-term, we will develop our understanding of **negative numbers, multiplication and division** focusing on:

- Counting forwards and backwards through zero using negative numbers.
- Comparing, ordering and calculating with negative numbers.
- Using short multiplication to multiply up to 3-digit numbers by a 1-digit number.
- Using short division to divide numbers up to 3-digits by 1-digit numbers.

How you can support your child with Maths

- Practise times tables, including the related division facts.
- Every child has their own Times Tables Rock Stars login. Please encourage them to practise for a few minutes each evening.

Science: Properties of materials

In Science, we will explore properties of materials through lots of hands-on experiments, investigating thermal conductors and insulators, solubility in water and methods of separating mixtures.