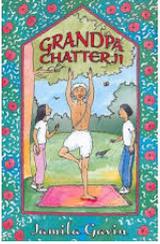


# Year 5 Summer Term Newsletter 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

Here is a summary of the learning that will be taking place this term in Year 5.



In **English**, the children will be reading poetry, persuasive texts and stories from other cultures. We will examine the language features associated with these genres and the children will use them in their own writing. By now, children should be using all the Year 5 writing targets in their own writing. If this is not the case, it is important that they focus on their personal targets so that they are ready for Year 6 in only a few months' time.

**Spelling** assessments will continue to take place on Thursdays. Your child has a list of words to learn this term, with the dates of the spelling tests. Each week, there are some words from the Year 5/6 statutory spelling list, in addition to words relating to the spelling focus of the week. Many of the words this term are words which sound the same but have different meanings (homophones). It is important that children know the meaning of all the words from the spelling list and can use them correctly.

**Reading** is central to all learning and should be an enjoyable experience. It is important that children read a range of text types and read independently for a sustained period of time each day. This will widen your child's knowledge of vocabulary, topics and themes which will help them achieve the high standard of reading that is expected at the end of Key Stage 2. Please discuss your child's reading with them and explain unfamiliar vocabulary.

Children are expected record their reading in their green reading record books **at least 3 times a week** and an adult must sign each entry into the book.



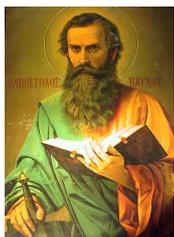
**Maths** lessons this term will focus on decimals, geometry and measures. Children will continue to do a weekly 'Big Maths, Beat That' challenge, in addition to regular arithmetic practice. Please ensure that your child is fully confident in all times tables facts and can recall them rapidly, so that they are able to understand the concepts taught in lessons this term and are fully prepared for learning in Year 6.

This term, the children will learn to:

- \* add and subtract decimals within 1
- \* add and subtract numbers with the same and different number of decimal places
- \* multiply and divide decimals by 10, 100 and 1000
- \* measure and draw angles
- \* calculate angles on a straight line and around a point
- \* calculate lengths and angles in shapes
- \* distinguish between regular and irregular polygons
- \* describe the position of 2D shapes following reflection or translation
- \* convert between units of measure
- \* understand and approximate equivalences between metric and common imperial units of measure
- \* estimate volume and capacity
- \* solve problems involving converting between units of time
- \* use all four operations to solve problems involving measure

In **Science**, children's learning will focus on Animals and Humans. Children will learn about the digestive and circulatory systems in humans. They will compare life cycles of mammals, birds, insects and amphibians. The booklets 'God-The Friend and Neighbour' and 'God -The Great Provider', which your child will bring home, will reinforce the learning about life cycles and reproduction. Please ensure that you discuss the learning that has taken place in school and that allocated home learning is completed. The pages should be signed by an adult and books returned to school by the following Tuesday.

**PE** will consist of swimming lessons, on Monday afternoons for the whole of the Summer term. Dance lessons will be on Thursday mornings (first half of Summer term) and will be led by dance specialist, Miss Adams. After half term, PE lessons will be on Thursday afternoons and will focus on athletics Please ensure that your child has the appropriate kit in school on these days and that **all** items of clothing are clearly labelled with their name.



In **RE**, children will be learning about early Christians, the life of St. Paul and how Christianity came to Britain. They will also learn about the rules, sacred books and sacred places of the Sikh religion, and will experience a visit to a Sikh Gurdwara.

In **Geography**, children will be learning about coastal features and land use around coasts. They will make comparisons between their own locality and the area of North Wales. There will be a visit to Crosby beach on June 21<sup>st</sup> which will be led by Dave Faulconbridge from the Castleshaw Centre.



**Homework** will continue to be given on a Friday and should be returned the following Monday. Please refer to guidance regarding presentation, at the front of the book.

Thank you for supporting your child with their learning.

Mrs. Corless