



"Happy together in God's family,
we love, grow and learn."

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! It was lovely to see you all at parents evening and we hope you all had a good rest over the October half term holiday. We are looking forward to starting a new half term with Year 5 and can't wait to get stuck into even more new and exciting learning. We felt that we really got to know the children over the first half term, so we are looking forward to working with each one of them to support them in achieving their very best. We loved getting stuck into so many good books last half term and wanted to say how proud we were of them in their science assembly and their house challenge where they showed the younger year groups how to work scientifically!

This half term, in our English lessons, we will be completing our story 'Kaspar'. We will write newspaper reports on the Titanic and a diary entry. We will then start our next book, reading a beautifully illustrated story called 'The Promise' by Nicola Davies. We will be focusing upon our use of language including similes, metaphors and choice of adjectives to make our own writing interesting as we write setting and character descriptions. Every Tuesday, we will continue to participate in a drama lesson, led by Northern Arts, to enhance our English topic and inspire us with our writing ideas. We will also be learning about limericks and creating some of our own. We will have a specific grammar focus each week where we will continue to consolidate our knowledge of fronted adverbials and relative clauses (remembering the commas). We will also begin to explore other forms of parenthesis and will continue to practice the year 5/6 common exception words, the -ence/-ance suffixes and further homophones.

In maths this half term, we will be looking at statistics, multiplication, division and applying these to fractions. In multiplication and division, we will be learning about factors, multiples, prime, square and cube numbers as well as consolidating our knowledge of multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1,000. On a Monday, we will also continue to have a short session working on arithmetic skills, mental maths and times tables up to 12 x 12.

This half term, Year 5 will be leading our Christmas Carol Concert for KS2 so please get ready to hear those angel voices singing more at home 😊.

As discussed in parents evening, please continue to encourage your child to:

- Practice their spellings (even previous weeks) to make sure they can apply them correctly in their writing. This can be done creatively.
- Times tables practice. If you would like a pack making so that your child is not on a computer, then please let us know and we will provide one.
- Develop a love for reading 😊 Before half term, we allowed children to take a book home from the class library which they had begun to read. By reading more, it will support children in their writing, developing creative vocabulary and spelling.

Thank you again for all your support. Please don't hesitate to come and see us if you have any questions or concerns.

Many thanks, Mrs Georghiou & Mrs Ellis



Important Days

Reading **books every day.**

Monday:

Spelling Test
School library visit

Wednesday:

PE lesson (come in PE kit)

Important Dates

November

Friday 11th 9:30am Whole class
Mass Y5 led.

W/C 14th:
Antibullying Week

Wednesday 16th 9:15
E-safety parent meeting via Zoom
with School Council

Wednesday 16th November Anglo-
Saxon workshop.

Friday 25th Woolly hat day launch.

Sunday 27th Family Mass.

December

Thursday 1st Refugee presents
collection opens.

Friday 2nd 2:30pm Christmas Fair.

Monday 5th 2pm Y5&6 Advent
workshop.

Wednesday 7th Pantomime.

Friday 9th Christmas Jumper Day
and Christmas Dinner Day.

Friday 9th Refugee collection
closes.

Monday 12th 5pm Christmas Carol
concert led by Y5.

Thursday 15th Christmas Party Day
(party clothes).

Friday 16th Whole School Mass
9:30am and school closes.

