

# YEAR 5 SPRING 2

## CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER 2023

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

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back after the February half term holiday. We hope that you had a good rest! What an exciting half term we have. We have our exciting, fun packed residential in the next few weeks which is going to be amazing. Let's hope we get some good weather for the trip. If there are any queries, then please do not hesitate to ask. Mrs Georghiou is extremely envious but is looking forward to hearing about all the wonderful activities we have done.

In our English lessons this half term, we will be studying The Highwayman. This poem is a ballad (narrative) which tells a story of romance, robbery and tragedy. I know the class will love it. The poem will inspire several pieces of writing, including their own story based on the tragedy. Within our grammar starters and sessions, we will improve our knowledge and use of apostrophes as well as consolidating how we use punctuation for parenthesis and clarity. We will continue to practice the year 5/6 common exception words and other spelling patterns outlined on the half termly spelling sheet which has been sent home. Please encourage your child to continue practising their CEW spellings from the previous half terms as we will test these again in a couple of weeks.

In maths this half term, we will continue to learn about multiplying fractions and finding fractions of amounts. Before the end of the half term, we will begin to understand decimal numbers – ordering, comparing, rounding and converting to fractions and percentages. We will continue to have our arithmetic skills lesson where we will also be working on our mental maths and times tables up to 12 x 12. Please encourage your child to practise their tables and corresponding division facts at home on Times Table Rockstars or Hit the Button to improve confidence and quick recall. If they need a worksheet to support instead, then please do not hesitate to ask.

To find out more about the other curriculum areas we will be studying this half term, please refer to the [knowledge organisers](#) which will be available to view on our website.

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

#### **Wednesday:**

PE lesson (come in PE kit)

### **Important Dates**

#### **March:**

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February-  
library visit.

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> - World Book  
Day Assembly- parents  
invited in at 2:30pm

Wed 8<sup>th</sup> March- Family  
Fast Day- soup and roll.

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> - Non-Uniform

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> 2:30pm Good  
Shepherd Fundraiser.

Monday 13<sup>th</sup>-  
Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup>  
Residential

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> Non-uniform for  
Comic Relief £1 donation.

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> 9:15am  
Mother's Day Assembly.

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March- Be  
Creative Science morning

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> Easter egg  
donations for SVP food  
bank.

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> & Thursday  
30<sup>th</sup>  
4:00-6:30pm Parents  
Evening.

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> 2pm Easter  
Workshop.

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March- Whole  
School Mass led by Year  
5.

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March  
Finish for Easter.

