# YEAR 5 SUMMER 1 **CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER 2023**

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back after the Easter holidays. We hope you had a good rest and managed to get out and enjoy the nice weather. Hopefully, the children have finally recovered from our fabulous residential, are feeling refreshed and ready for a hard-working half term.

In English, we will begin the new term learning to write a detailed a non-chronological report based on a short film called Pandora. We will then begin our new adventure novel, 'Kensuke's Kingdom' where we will be writing an informal letter, diary entry and newspaper report based on the story. Each lesson will begin with a short grammar starter, where we will continue consolidating our use of different punctuation marks as well as using subordinating conjunctions to create subordinate clauses and identifying different cohesive devices to link paragraphs.

In maths this half term, we will finish our topic on decimals and percentages and learn how we convert between them. We will also be learning to calculate area and perimeter before moving onto our shape topic. In May, we are taking part in an Energy Heroes workshop which looks at gathering data on our energy uses at home and in school. As part of our statistics unit, we will be interpreting and analysing what we have found out and hopefully coming up with some useful ways to save energy and subsequently reduce our energy costs! It's a win-win!

To find out more about the other curriculum areas we will be studying this half term, see our knowledge organisers on the website.

We are looking forward to a full half term within school, enjoying lots of varied, exciting learning that has been planned for our children: NSPCC Workshop, Energy Heroes, Singing Challenge, Pentecost Picnic, Coronation Celebrations and a performance of Alice in Wonderland!

Please continue to encourage your child to be read at home. As discussed at parent's evening, this can be either a schoolbook sent home or a novel they are reading at home. Question them on vocabulary choice as this will help them in their writing.

Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions or concerns.

Many thanks,

Mrs Georghiou & Mrs Ellis.





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

#### **Important Days**

Reading books every day.

Monday: Spelling Test Wednesday: PE kit

## **Important Dates**

## April

Monday 24th Alice in Wonderland Show

Wednesday 26th NSPCC workshop Y5

Friday 28th 11.00am Year 2 and Year 5 Class Mass

### May

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> Coronation picnic

Monday 8th Additional Bank Holiday

Tuesday 9th 1:15pm **Energy Heroes** workshop.

Thursday 18th 9.30am Whole School Mass led by Year 5

Friday 19th Bring a flower for Mary.

Sunday 21st: 11.00am Family Mass PTA Family Fun Day

Thursday 25th: Pentecost Picnic School closes

Friday 26th Training Day