

# YEAR 5 SPRING 1

## CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER 2022



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we love, grow and learn."

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back and Happy New Year! We hope you all had a lovely Christmas and thank you very much for the lovely gifts we received. We would like to say a big thank you for bringing the children to the Christmas Carol Concert in our final week, I'm sure you will agree, they led the concert amazingly and it was a perfect ending to the year. We were extremely proud.

Next week on Thursday, the children are invited into school wearing their First Holy Communion dresswear so that they can celebrate together and share the wonderful occasion with the rest of the school in our class assembly. Children are allowed to change into their party clothes afterwards for the afternoon. If your child did not make the sacrament this year, then they can wear their party clothes all day.

In our English lessons this half term, we will start by reading a beautifully illustrated book called 'The Promise' by Nicola Davies. We will be focusing on our use of language including similes, metaphors and choice of adjectives to make our own writing interesting as we write setting and character descriptions. As part of our cross curricular unit, we will be looking at inspirational people and writing persuasive letters. We will have a specific grammar focus each week where we will continue to consolidate our knowledge of fronted adverbials, relative clauses, parenthesis and begin to explore modal verbs. We will continue to practice the year 5/6 common exception words and other spelling patterns outlined on the half termly spelling sheet.

In maths this half term, we will be looking at area, multiplication, division, and fractions. In multiplication and division, we will be consolidating TOxO (Tens and Ones x Ones) up to ThHTOxO and the inverse; extending to ThHTOxTO. In fractions, we will be looking at mixed and improper fractions as well as ordering and comparing them. On a Monday, we will also have a short session each week working on arithmetic skills, mental maths and times tables up to 12 x 12. Please encourage your child to practise on Times Table Rockstars or Hit the Button to improve confidence and quick recall. Please join our parents maths meeting on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> January via Zoom to find out more.

Starting from now, please return your child's reading folder each day. This will help staff add notes to reading record and communicate with you.

To find out more about the other curriculum areas we will be studying this half term, please refer to the knowledge organisers which will we sent out this week or visit our website.

Please don't hesitate to come and see us if you have any questions or concerns.

Many thanks,

Mrs Georgiou & Mrs Ellis



### Important Days

Reading books every day.

#### **Monday:**

Spelling Test

#### **Thursday:**

PE lesson (come in PE kit)

Please check calendar dates as there are a few alternative dates.

### Important Dates

#### January

Wednesday 11th  
Gymnastics in school -  
wear PE kit

Thursday 13th 9.15am  
Y5 class assembly  
children to wear FHC  
dresswear

Thursday 13th pm Y5  
FHC class party

Friday 14th children to  
wear PE kit

Monday 17th 4pm Y5  
and Year 6 maths parent  
meeting - via Zoom

Wednesday 19th Y5 to  
church

#### February

Tuesday 1st 4pm Year 5  
residential meeting - via  
Zoom

Tuesday 8th Safer  
internet day

Friday 11th 9:15am  
E safety parent meeting  
with School Council

Friday 18th Finish for half  
term.

