



# Summer Class 5

Welcome back Class 5. I hope you all had a lovely, refreshing Easter holiday and are ready for a jam-packed term! SATS are just around the corner but don't worry too much! I'm trying to make this as stress free as possible- keeping up with the good work that you have already been doing is all I ask of you. Parents, if you have any queries or concerns or would like to help out in class then please feel free to come and speak to me!

## **Important Information: SATS week commences on 8<sup>th</sup> May.**

### **Homework**

Please continue to support your children at home with their homework and their reading. It is only through our collaborative efforts that your child will achieve their full potential.

For the time being, Year 5 will be given homework on a regular basis, whilst Year 6 will be continuing with their revision pack.

After SATS, homework will become more project-based, with a focus on writing linked to areas of interest for the children.

### **Maths**

This term there will be a focus on application of skills as this is an area of weakness for most children. If you could encourage the use of mathematical vocabulary at home this would be an advantage.

**In order to be at expected standard, children must know their times tables and their corresponding divides and other basic facts such as converting measures.** These skills are required in order to do more complex ideas such as fractions and interpreting pie charts. Please practise these at home on a regular basis.

### **Literacy**

As SATS are just around the corner, our timetable in the first half term will predominantly be focussing on literacy skills. We still need to boost our writing and reading, and I appreciate the time and effort of parents and children during this time. We will be doing a variety of writing tasks further into the term, including a focus on writing arguments.

Also, with the new Grammar test being more difficult this year, we will be doing some very focused work on spelling and grammar. It would be really fantastic if you could correct your children when they say things that are grammatically incorrect, for example, I done it should be I did it, and the correct use of the words me and I.

### **Computing**

Our focus for computing this term will be developing a wide range of skills including multimedia presentations and controlling devices using programming skills. This will be linked with our topic for the term. We will also be looking at using the internet safely.

### **MFL**

Miss Dougan will continue to deliver a Spanish programme to the children on a fortnightly basis once SATS have been administered.

### **R.E.**

Our topics for this term:

Pentecost - focussing on being a true Christian Witness, especially in the face of adversity;

Reconciliation - healing the distance between ourselves and God;

The Universal Church looking at the Common Good and what we can do to be Christ on earth.

We will also be studying Islam as part of our other faith curriculum. We will be looking at what unites our faiths and the differences, with a focus on their celebrations.

### **Art and Design**

We will be looking at painting landscapes this term and building a moving toy using cams.

### **History:**

The Vikings will be our focus for this term. We will be looking at how they lived as a community, why they invaded, who the major people were in the sagas, along with how their invasion impacted the lives of those in Britain and what effect that has on today's society.

### **Geography**

We will be linking our history topic with our geography topic, looking at the Geography of the city of York and how it has changed over time.

### **Music**

Guitar and brass will continue as usual so please ensure that your child brings their instrument.

We will also be practising a performance for the **Big Sing** with the intention of performing it in a showcase at the end of the academic year and participating in the event at the Saab in Gateshead.

### **Science**

Our topics in science this term:

Earth & Space: We will be looking at how shadows are formed and how the earth moves around the sun.

Living things: We will be looking specifically at classification of animals, life cycles and how they adapt and evolve to their environments.

Living things: humans. The children are going to be studying how their bodies develop and how to keep their bodies healthy and clean. This is part of the National Curriculum and will be delivered partially by the school nurse and partially by Miss Horner.

### **P.E**

P.E will be on Tuesdays and Fridays. Please ensure that your child has the necessary items they need, including outdoor footwear.

This term we will be focussing on athletics and cricket with opportunities to participate in competition events

If you have any expertise that you would like to share with the class, or would just like to volunteer in Class 5, please contact Miss Horner. We are always grateful for an extra pair of hands - or ears!