



Mengham Junior School September 2022

# Year 5 Autumn Curriculum Letter

# WELCOME TO YEAR 5!

We hope you have had a fantastic summer and are looking forward to an autumn full of exciting and enriching learning opportunities.

# <u>English</u>

In English, we will be looking at short burst writing using descriptive language, along with nonchronological reports and defeating tales to inspire us to write and improve our writing using our targets. Our guided reading sessions will allow us to have plenty of opportunities for sustained reading and whole class book discussions.

# <u>Maths</u>

To kick off Maths this year, we will be exploring numbers up to one million! After that, we will be building on our knowledge of how to add, subtract, multiply and divide larger numbers using formal and mental methods. Using these four operation skills, we will be starting to solve more complex, two or three-step problems.

### <u>Science</u>

In science, we will be beginning to explore the circulation system and muscles in animals. After halfterm we will be studying human development and life cycles in insects and amphibians. We will continue to do this as part of our longitudinal study.

# **Computing**

During computing throughout this term, we shall be continuing to develop our skills using the programming software 'Scratch'. Additionally, we will be using our problem solving skills when debugging our algorithms.

#### <u>History</u>

In history this term, we will be learning all about the Measely Monarchs. We will be exploring different monarchs through the ages and investigating if they 'Machiavellian, misguided or misunderstood'.

#### **Geography**

Our geography learning journey is going to be packed! We have already started looking at a special individual linked to one of the school house teams. We will be exploring where this person has been around the world and also will be exploring North America, biomes around the world and completing the journey with an exploration of earthquakes and their impact.

# PDL

During the PDL unit 'Who Decides?', we will learn to debate and express our views and opinions. After that, we will be considering what makes people different, how people who are different are treated and how differences make everyone have unique talents. We will look at how people who are different have been treated in the past and challenge views that treat differences unfavourably.

#### RE

Year 5 will be exploring the concept of 'belonging' and what it means to us. We will then consider and describe how belonging is important to Islamic faith. After half term, we will consider how the story of Christmas can be interpreted in different ways. To do this, we will be looking at different interpretations of very familiar stories and scenarios that we experience everyday.

# <u>Art</u>

Our art this term focuses on the work of Escher and together we will be understanding and creating tessellation using different art skills and mediums.

### <u>PE</u>

We learnt a lot about teamwork last year in PE and are looking forward to applying this to our team based sport for this half term: netball. In the second half of this term, we will be learning all about the more creative sports of gymnastics and dance, where the children will have the opportunity and freedom to express themselves creatively through the art of movement.

#### <u>Music</u>

This term, we are creating battle

Alder — Mrs Roberts Beech — Mr Flatt





music using different kinds of percussion instruments. Our learning after half term takes a different turn and we focus on Christmas. Not the traditional Christmas music but our very own raps!

#### Home Learning

This year, home learning continues to be online. It is expected that you complete two 10 minute sessions on Time Table Rock Stars and the same again on Numbots. Spellings will be uploaded to spelling frame weekly but

will also be stuck into reading logs. Children are expected to read 5 times

per week and this to be record in their reading log. Our new logs also still

include a page for you to record all the books you have read this term. When you have completed this sheet you will be rewarded with a brand new book of your choice. If there are any concerns or questions, please get in contact.

Mrs Roberts and Mr Flatt



#### Key Events & Dates for Year 5

PE: Wednesdays and Fridays

Home Learning due: Thursday

Home Learning set: Friday

Meet the teacher: Tuseday 13th September - 3.30pm

Alder Class Assembly: Friday 7th October

Hello Yellow Mental Health Day:

Monday 10th October

Parents' evenings: Tuesday 1st and Thursday 3rd November

Beech Class Assembly: Friday 4th November

Remembrance assembly: Friday 11th November

> Christmas Lunch : Thursday 15th December

Inset Day : Friday 15th December