



# 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.

### English

In English, we will be using 'The Ridge' as a hook to inspire us in persuasive writing. Following this, we will begin a narrative journey with Leon and the Place Between. In Autumn two, we will take inspiration from the awesome Joseph Coelho and will be creating and performing our own poetry. To end the term, we will face a writing journey of survival with 'Ruin' as our hook. Our guided reading sessions, will allow us plenty of opportunities for sustained reading for fluency practice and whole class book discussions using different texts such as War Horse and An Emotional Menagerie. Later in the term, we shall delve into the exciting story of 'Kensuke's Kingdom'. Also, we will be taking part in the Hampshire Book Award throughout the term.

### Maths

In Maths this year, we will be exploring numbers up to one million by showing our understanding of how numbers are made up and linked. Throughout the term, 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 in various contexts along with developing our reasoning skills. This year, we will be focusing on our recall and retrieval skills to support our current learning and of course keeping up with TTRS and NUMBOTS!

### Science

In science, our first focus will be fossils: identifying geological time and understanding evolution. We will then be blasting off into space to understand the solar system and the effects of gravity! During this unit, we will take a trip to The Winchester Planetarium to delve into this unit further in some exciting workshops and explore the planetarium itself.

### Computing

During computing this term, we shall be creating and filming a news

report based on our Geography unit. As well as this, we will be developing our data handling skills using Google Classroom. Throughout computing, we will focus on our digital literacy and how to be safe when working online and using different apps and programs.

### History

Our year 5 historians this term will be learning and discovering all about the Measely Monarchs. We will take a trip through time 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 will be looking at Ben Ainslie and his life and we will also be travelling around the globe tracking where he has been and why.

We also explore 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 different groups of people are treated and how differences make everyone have unique talents. We will look at how different groups of people have been treated in the past and challenge views that treat differences unfavourably.

### RE

Year 5 will be showing an understanding of the concepts of 'God' and 'Interpretation', when we will consider different people's views on God and how different interpretations of very familiar stories and scenarios, that we experience everyday, can vary depending on our beliefs.

### Art

Our art this term, focuses on the work of Kacper Kiec and Rachel Maiden.

Once inspired by them, we will develop our collage skills using different textures and tones, which will then inspire our space collage using marbling techniques.

### PE

To start the year, we will be improving our fitness skills during indoor P.E. with a focus on speed and stamina. We will

Alder — Mrs Clements and Mrs Brook

Beech — Miss Germain

Teaching Assistants—Mrs Westlake, Mr

King and Miss Roffey

also be learning how to play tennis and understanding the different shots involved. In the second half term, we are looking forward to applying our teamwork skills in handball and learning all about creative dance, where the children will have the opportunity and freedom to express themselves creatively through the art of movement.

### Music

In music, our focus is pitch and structure and we will be inspired by the mythical creature 'A Bao A Qu' using different percussion instruments. Our learning after half term, takes a different turn and we focus on becoming rappers as we create our own raps, with a focus on duration and structure.

### Home Learning

For home learning, Children are expected to read 5 times per week and this to be recorded in their reading log. Also, it is expected that they complete two 10 minute sessions on TTRS and the same on NUMBOTS. The weekly spellings will be uploaded to spelling frame for them to access and they will be tested on a Thursday.

If there are any concerns or questions, please get in contact.

**We have children with severe allergies in school so please DO NOT send in the following foods: nuts, tree-nuts, corn, cherries, mango or peas.**

### **Key Events & Dates for Year 5**

**PE:** Mondays and Wednesdays

**Home Learning due:** Thursday

**Home Learning set:** Friday

**Meet the teacher:** Tuesday 10th  
September - 3.30pm

**Hello Yellow Mental Health Day:**  
Thursday 10th October

**Alder Class Assembly:** Friday 11th October

**Parents' evenings:** Monday 4th November  
Wednesday 6th November

**Inset Day:** Friday 25th October

**Beech Planetarium trip:** Wednesday 13th  
November

**Alder Planetarium trip:** Thursday 14th  
November