



# 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 use 'The Ridge' video as a hook to write some short burst pieces to get us started. Following these, we will be writing a diary entry, where we will apply our new targets. In Autumn two, we will be inspired by the awesome Joseph Coelho and be creating and performing our own poetry. Our guided reading sessions, will allow us plenty of opportunities for sustained reading and whole class book discussions using different text formats including poetry and a the music video 'Titanium'. Also, we shall delve into the novels 'The Arrival' and 'Kensuke's Kingdom' later in the term.

### Maths

In Maths this year, we will be exploring numbers up to one million but we shall build up to that by really showing our understanding of how numbers are made up and linked. 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 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 skills using the programming software 'Scratch' by

designing and building our own platform games. 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 have already started looking at Ben Ainslie and his life but 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 Stephen Wiltshire and Paul Klee. Once inspired by them, we will use our drawing and painting skills and then be creating a final piece of a clay tile.

### PE

To start the year, we have 'Chance to Shine' cricket visiting us to teach us the skills and rules of the sport. During indoor P.E. we will be working on our fitness with a focus on speed and stamina. In the second half term, we are looking forward to applying our

teamwork skills in netball 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, it is expected that you complete two 10 minute sessions on TTRS and the same on NUMBOTS. Spellings will be uploaded to spelling frame weekly and 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 new book of your choice. If there are any concerns or questions, please get in contact.



### Key Events & Dates for Year 5

**PE:** Wednesdays and Fridays

**Home Learning due:** Thursday

**Home Learning set:** Friday

**Meet the teacher:** Tuesday 19th  
September - 3.30pm

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

**Alder Class Assembly:** Friday 13th October

**Parents' evenings:** Monday 30th October  
and Thursday 2nd November

**Inset Day:** Tuesday 2nd January 2024

**Beech Class Assembly:** Friday 19th January

**Year 5 Fort Purbrook assembly:** Friday 19th  
April 2024