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Dear Parents,

## **This Summer Term in Year 5...**

Welcome back to the Summer Term! Please have a look at the exciting topics we will be learning about this term. Below is a summary of this term's curriculum, forthcoming activities and homework timetable.

### English

Each term our learning is centred around texts that will cover a variety of genres and purposes. They will link to some of our curriculum topics, to enhance and enrich the children's learning experience. These texts include: Charlie and the Chocolate Factory and High Rise Mystery. Each teaching sequence will allow the children to immerse themselves in each text through a variety of activities and writing outcomes. There will be an emphasis on spelling, grammar and punctuation throughout all units of work.



### Spelling

We will continue to set spellings each week using Purple Mash, where they complete a quiz. The lists will be set online every Friday with focused activities during the week and a test on the following Friday. Throughout the week, children are encouraged to find words at school and home that fit this rule and to use them in their writing.

### Maths

In Maths, we will continue developing our knowledge of: fractions, percentages, formal methods for division and multiplication, solving problems and imperial metric conversions as well as reading timetables and calculating with time. There will be a focus using our reasoning skills to solve mathematical problems with the children using and applying the concept of APE: answer it, prove it and explain it.



### Science

In Science, this half term we will be studying Forces. This unit covers the effects of air resistance, water resistance and friction. After half term, our topic will be Animals including Humans (Reproduction and Puberty). This will look at the changes as humans develop to old age and will focus on puberty.

### Computing

In Computing, the children will continue to develop their understanding of e-safety. We will be completing projects using knowledge gained over time, including coding skills and use of different multimedia.





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## History

We will carry out a historical enquiry that focuses on the Victorians. We will gain an overview of the significance of the Victorian period and look at some of the major changes and their effects on this era.



## Geography

This topic includes an in-depth study of the United Kingdom; this will involve a study of environmental regions, key physical and human characteristics, major cities and national parks. We will choose 3 key areas of the UK and look at how land use has changed over time.

## French

Our French topic will allow children to repeat and recognise the vocabulary for a variety of clothes in French, use the appropriate genders and articles for these clothes, describe clothes in terms of their colour and say what they wear in different weather or situations.

## Art and D & T

In art, the children will be further developing their drawing techniques as we study the life and work of the contemporary British artist Chris Ofili. Children will be learning to create their own African patterns, inspired by the work of Chris Ofili. The children will also be exploring the effects and impact of different mediums as they work with pastels, charcoal, pencil and watercolours.

In D&T, their learning will be linked to our History topic of Victorians. We will explore the work of William Morris and produce a cross-stitch letter in his style.

## PE and Games

The children in both classes will need to wear their kit to school on Wednesdays for Games lessons with Mr Rock. In addition, 5 Ridley will have a PE lesson on a Tuesday and 5 Pullman will have a session with Mr Flynn on Thursday afternoon.



## RE and PSHE

We will be studying some key figures of authority in the local community and then exploring holy places and creation stories from different faiths.

In PSHE, we will explore two topics: 'Relationships' and 'Changing Me'.

## Music

In Music, we will be focusing on music theory and musical notation and applying this theoretical knowledge, reading sheet music in order to play the recorder. Children will revisit prior learning to play the notes of A, B and G on the recorder. They will expand their knowledge this term by learning to play the notes of E and D on the recorder. Children will play a variety of different songs incorporating these notes and will be able to read the musical notation of these chosen songs. Children will also have the opportunity to compose their own songs by writing their own musical notation. Children will then have the chance to perform their compositions to the class. Children will use the recorders they purchased last year, however if you need to purchase a recorder for your child, they can be purchased through the school at a cost of £2 payable via gateway.



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## **Homework**

Homework is set each week online using Google Classroom, TT Rockstars, Purple Mash and Accelerated Reader. Spellings will be set on a Friday ready for testing the following Friday. A homework will be set online every Thursday that will be due in by Tuesday. Reading records will be checked every Monday. We expect this to be filled in three times in the week and whilst children and adults can complete the reading record, we would hope to see an adult has signed once a week and pupils can write in it twice a week.

If you have any questions, please email using the class email.

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Yours sincerely,

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