



# Year 5

## Half Termly Update

### Spring Term 2

Dear Parents,

We hope you had a restful half term holiday. We are looking forward to welcoming the children back.

School uniform is an important part of our school's identity. It reinforces who we are as a community and helps allow our children to feel pride in their school. We kindly ask for your cooperation in ensuring that your child adheres to the uniform policy as it provides consistency and a sense of belonging for all children in all year groups. Thank you for your continued support.

Trips:

Year 5 will continue their Arsenal visits this half term with BZ completing their sessions and MLK having their three trips to the Arsenal Hub. We will then complete our social action project with a visit from their teaching team in school, later this half term.

#### English -Writing

Our Writing tasks will initially be a creative writing unit based on a short film called the Dragon Slayer. The children will look at including dialogue and action as well as extending their descriptive sentences. They will then focus writing based on our class novel: 'The London Eye Mystery'. The children will start by looking at different adverts and how to write persuasively before creating their own advert for the London Eye.

#### English -Reading

This term, we will start our new book 'The London Eye Mystery'. We will start by giving our opinion on the book and seeing if we can make patterns and links to real life or other books. As the term goes on, the children will continue to develop key reading skills: inference, by looking at how characters feel through analysing what they say and do; author's choice, by looking at the information that the author chose to include or leave out; and summarising paragraphs or chapters into key events.

#### Maths

The children will continue to deepen their knowledge of fractions in the next unit, looking at multiplying fractions and finding fractions of amounts. They will move onto decimals where they will learn to add, subtract, order and compare them and solve problems involving numbers up to three decimal places. They will also start to look at percentages and their relationships to decimals and fractions. We will continue to do lots of arithmetic revision to ensure they are confident with the four operations.

### Science

This term, Year 5 will step into the shoes of real scientists and take part in hands-on, exciting investigations! They will plan their own enquiries, take accurate measurements, record data in creative ways and explore what it means to test ideas fairly. One of our big challenges will be cleaning dirty water using what they know about materials and their properties. Along the way, the children will think about why looking after our environment matters and how science can make a difference in the world. They will also discover how scientists work and explore the many possibilities that a future in science could offer.

### P.E.

In P.E, children will learn a striking and fielding. Striking includes skill practise on how to hit the ball. Children will develop fielding skills, communication and tactics. They will apply these in a game of rounders. Children will also be learning dance and gymnastics on Fridays in their groups throughout the term.

### R.E

Once we have completed our unit about Islam, we will be looking at God and why people believe in God. We will be exploring creation and suffering through debate and discussion. At the end of unit, we will be planning and publishing our own newspaper article on God.

### Computing

We will be continuing our computing unit, learning about databases. The children will be looking at how to use them efficiently to search and organise databases in order to find information before producing their own databases.

### Music

The children continue to receive music lessons from our music teacher, Lena. The children have been learning to compose music. Each class will have two half terms of music over the year.

### Homework

Weekly spelling will be given on Friday every week. Please practise the spellings with your child. Doodle Maths and Spellings should be completed weekly. Spellings tests are on a Friday and children should practice learning their spellings and writing them in sentences each week in their pink homework books. Reading should be completed every night. Optional history homework is sent out with a choice of three activities weekly. Science projects this term should be focusing on properties and changes of material. Ideas for these are on the homework grid.