

# Year 5 Autumn Term Newsletter

Welcome to Year Five – we have an exciting year planned. Alongside all the learning detailed below, the children in 5AN will be going swimming on a Wednesday (5JA and 5C will swim in the spring). PE will be on Tuesdays for all classes and Friday for 5JA and 5C. Homework will be set on a Wednesday and due on a Tuesday and will comprise of a menu for the children to select tasks from. The children will begin to learn the violin, taught by Mrs. Waldock during PPA. The other PPA sessions (Tuesdays) will be taught by Mr. Bradford and Mrs. Hafiz-Leach.

## History and Geography

This term we will be studying river systems as part of the geography curriculum. We will learn about the course of a river, how floods happen and why, the formation of waterfalls, studying how rivers are mapped and how they are used by humans to generate power. We will also be going on a trip to the source of the Waveney, following its course for a short way and taking measurements and readings to track the changes. This year only, we are also lucky enough to be going on a special trip on a barge around the dock as part of the Maritime Ipswich project.

Next half term, our history unit is an overview of the achievements of Ancient Civilisations including the Indus Valley, Shang Dynasty and Sumer. Later in the year, the children build on this with in-depth studies of Ancient Egypt and the Golden Age of Baghdad.

## Maths

The children will continue to practise their tables in school using Times Table Rock Stars. The login that your child had in Year 4 will still be valid. Please contact your child's class teacher if you have any difficulties with this at home. Your support with this is much appreciated. Maths lessons will begin with a focus on place value and extending their knowledge of basic calculations, which lay the foundations for later work.

## RE and PSHE

The children will learn more about two of the major world views – Hinduism (also known as Satana Dharma) and Christianity. They will be exploring how Brahman can be everywhere and everything, and what the truth is behind the Christmas story.

Along with the rest of the school, PSHE will focus on Being Me in My World and Celebrating Difference.

## English

In English, the children will be continuing to develop their knowledge and enjoyment of a range of texts. They will also look at a range of strategies to develop their comprehension skills. This term's texts include: Journey to Jo'Burg, Black and British and Maya Angelou's poem "Caged Bird" as well as parts of Dr Martin Luther King's famous "I Have a Dream" speech. Writing will be taught through the CUSP curriculum and the children will write in a range of styles and for different audiences.



## Science, Computing and Design Technology

We will build on prior learning about the properties of and changes in materials as well as forces. This unit will help the children understand more about the forces which affect the Earth in readiness for learning about space in the spring term.

Computing this term includes programming Edison robots to follow lines by creating sequences of code.

Design and technology develops the children's food technology by devising and creating a seasonal soup and scone recipe for a family to enjoy after an autumn walk. We will be asking for a contribution towards the cost of ingredients in due course.

## A polite reminder

Should you need to speak to your child's class teacher, please can we ask that you do this via the front office. They will pass on any messages to us to avoid congestion at the class door in the mornings. This is even more important whilst the fencing is in place. You can also email the front office who will always pass on information directly.