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## How can you help your child?

- Each week staff will be monitoring your child's reading so it is vital they bring their reading book in daily.
- Try to read with your child as often as possible and discuss the text with them. Keep reading time relaxed, comfortable and fun! Make it a special time together. Please make a comment about their reading in their reading journal.



- Maths is everywhere! Use your everyday surroundings to encourage enthusiasm and confidence in this subject, for example: discussing the time, looking for mathematical patterns and making opportunities to calculate (eg. when shopping).

### Members of staff

- ❖ Miss Russell
- ❖ Mrs Gee
- ❖ Miss Solomon and Miss Williams

## Year 5 Autumn Term

Welcome back to the new Autumn term; it seems such a long time since we saw you all.

It is vital that we maintain high standards throughout the year. Please encourage your child to do their best.

We believe that in partnership we can:

- Develop reading and writing skills.
- Encourage your child's speaking and listening skills.
- Develop and consolidate reasoning skills.
- Provide opportunities for you to discuss learning with your children.
- Encourage children to learn outside of the classroom.

## English

We will be reading 'The Silver Hand' by Terry Deary, which we will use to develop our understanding of texts and as inspiration for a number of writing opportunities, including poetry, narrative and non-chronological reports.

We will continue to develop your child's reading through daily reading lessons. Children will be asked to retrieve, infer, summarise and predict.

We will be working with your child to develop their comprehension skills, understanding characters and work on spellings, punctuation and grammar skills. Ask your child to tell you about the 'fantastics' – we will be using these to improve our writing.

## Science

In Science, pupils will use and develop classification keys to identify, classify and describe materials. They will carry out investigations to discover why particular materials are used for different purposes – finding out about strength, water resistance and absorbency, for example.

Help your child at home by encouraging them to talk about the materials they can find around the house. Let them help in the kitchen to see how ingredients react when they are mixed together.

## Theme

We will be making cross-curricular learning fun and creative by linking learning across areas of geography, history, art and DT through the theme - 'The World at War: World War I'. The children will learn about how and why the war started, which countries were allies, what life was like in the trenches and back in England.

Encourage your child to use the internet or reference books to find more about World War I. Perhaps they could talk to relatives to find out more. We may send information home for your child to read in preparation for lessons in school, supporting your child with these will benefit them greatly.

## RE & PSHE

In RE, the children will be gaining a better understanding of the Muslim religion. They will explore special festivals and celebrations, find out about the five pillars of Islam and investigate the main beliefs of the religion.

In PSHE, pupils will be finding out more about British Values, discovering why they are so important. They will consider the importance of rules and laws, both in school and society, learn about different relationships and how to deal with conflict.



## Maths

Pupils will continue to work on calculations using all four operations: addition, subtraction, multiplication and division through the Smart Maths learning system. In Geometry, they will be developing symmetry skills and learning how to draw shapes more accurately. They will also be learning to tell the time and working out time durations. We encourage the children to reason with their answers and explore links they can make.

Encourage your child to explain methods used, as it always helps to develop new understanding. Also, continue to make sure children are practising their multiplication tables regularly.

## Don't Forget...

### Key Reminders:

We will be using Marvellous Me to let you know how your child is getting on.

PE is every Wednesday for 5LR and 5SG. Children should wear their PE kits to school on PE days. This can include tracksuit bottoms or leggings. Please ensure earrings are removed.

Please ensure correct uniform is worn at all times.