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## SUMMER TERM 2018 CLASS 5 CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER

# Welcome to the Summer Term!

Dear Parents,

Welcome back; we hope that you had a nice Easter break. This letter contains details of some of the topics that the children will be working on throughout the term - we are looking forward to reaping the rewards of all of our hard work together and having a successful and enjoyable term.

### Literacy

In Literacy we will be studying a wide range of genres, beginning with descriptive writing and explanation texts. Other units will include film narrative, news reports and choral performance poetry.

Our regular focus on grammar is really showing through in the children's writing and we are certain that support from home has been a key factor in this progress. We will be continuing to set the children a timed piece of writing each week and your continued support in looking through and editing the children's homework with them is greatly appreciated.

### Numeracy

In Numeracy this term we will continue to follow the Primary Mathematics Framework. Our work will be consolidating our learning from the previous two terms on number operations, and extending our knowledge of the properties of numbers. This will involve a good deal of investigative work and problem solving.

As with Literacy, your continued support at home in developing your child's mathematical skills is invaluable and very much appreciated.

### Science

This term the children will study two shorter science topics. In the first half term we will be completing our work on forces. In the second half of the summer term we will look at properties of materials, and this will be studied with a strongly practical and investigative approach.



## **Computing**

In computing this term the children will be looking at controlling devices remotely. The children will learn to use flow chart processing software to control a number of devices through the use of programming instructions. This will provide excellent opportunities for the children to practise and hone their problem solving skills.

## **History**

In History we will look at the Tudors this term with a focus on King Henry VIII and his six wives.

## **RE/PSHE**

In RE we will be thinking about our beliefs and the things that matter to us, and we will be considering these alongside an exploration into the Buddhist and Sikh faiths. Our PSHE this term will focus initially on Relationships, and will then tackle the issue of Changes.

## **PE**

The focus in PE this term will be on athletics and cricket and we are delighted that we will be having regular sessions with Alex Clements, a 'Chance to Shine Coach,' from Ottery Cricket Club. We would like to take this opportunity to request that you remind your child of the need for a full PE kit in order to take part in lessons safely and enjoyably. Our PE sessions will usually be on Wednesdays and Fridays but may change according to the weather.

## **Art**

Our art topic this term will be linked to our Tudor topic.

We would like to take this opportunity to say that it has been an absolute pleasure to teach a group of such lovely children. This term we hope to build on their collective love of learning and reward them with individual success.

Should you have any queries or concerns during the term, please do not hesitate to catch us on the playground or jot a note in the home/school diary.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Nicky Harris

Mrs Sue Bedford

Year 5 Class Teachers

