

**Spring Term, 2021
(Year 5)**

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope that you and your family are well and enjoyed the Christmas break.

We would like to share with you an overview of the term ahead. In maths, we will be looking at multiplication and division and then moving on to understanding fractions. Children can login in at home to practice their maths using Mathletics and TT Rockstars; Mathletics is certainly beneficial to children as we will be setting specific activities linked to in school learning.

In reading sessions, we will be focusing on the book 'Shackleton's Journey' by William Grill. We will be continuing to practise comprehension questions (which we call VIPERS). During the second part of the Spring term, we will be reading the book, 'Wonder' by R.J. Palacio. The texts will be used to support us with our writing, as we compose persuasive writing, biographies, narratives and letters.

In history lessons this term, children will be learning about monarchs and comparing the reigns of Elizabeth I and Queen Victoria. Our geography work is entitled, 'On Top of the World' and we will be learning about earthquakes, mountains and volcanoes, while in Science we will be focusing on 'Sound' and on 'Animals, Including Humans' where we will look at how the human body changes over time.

To support classroom based study, we ordinarily plan x2 educational visits (x1 per half term) linked to topics in class, and to support creative writing. These visits always provide a valuable learning experience, which will link directly with teaching back in school and we look forward to reintroducing these visits when it is safe to do so.

Please remember...

Full PE kits must be brought into school on your child's PE day (Tuesdays and Wednesday). Children need to wear Ribbon kit which consists of a black hoody and jersey bottoms.

It's vitally important that your child practices their reading at home and brings their reading book to school every day – please support your child to clock-up their reading miles!

School Holidays in the Autumn Term 2021

School closes for Half term – Friday 12th February @ 3.30pm

School reopens – Monday 22nd February @ 9.00am

School closes for Easter – Friday 26th March @ 3.30pm

School reopens – Monday 12th April @ 9.00am

We strongly discourage holidays taken during term time. For more information, please contact Mrs K Maddison (Family Support Advisor) via main reception.

Kindest regards,

Mrs Tweedie, Miss Ruddell and Miss Thorne (Year 5 Team)