

## *Widening Horizons, Raising Aspirations*

21 April 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to Term 5, I hope you all had a good Easter break. The children have come back really well and have settled to their learning. As the weather improves, the children will be able to enjoy the outside space. Although it is a short term, it always seems to be a busy one!

### YEAR 3

Our focus text for English is 'The Green Ship', by Quentin Blake; a thematically rich picture book full of exotic faraway places and wonderful adventures. This will form the basis of our learning for narrative with speech, diaries and persuasive writing. In maths, we will learn about fractions, mass and capacity as well as continuing to learn our 3x, 4x and 8x times tables off-by-heart. Please remember to encourage your child to log into Times Tables Rock Stars at home. As part of our science learning, we will investigate different types of rocks and fossils through practical and engaging activities. In computing, we will apply our learning of how to enter data onto graphs and to ask questions through meaningful links to maths and science data handling. For geography this term, we will learn about the world's tropical rainforests and how they are changing. In music, we will be learning about the history and features of Latin America music, performing a salsa style song and playing from staff notation. We will also explore ancient Egyptian art this term, including scroll designs, paper making and zines. Our focus for DT is 'structures' and we look forward to building castles with the children. For RSHE, we will consider family roles and responsibilities, friendships, keeping ourselves safe online and being global citizens. Our key question for RE is 'Why do people pray?'. This will enable us to reflect upon the similarities and differences of how and why Christians, Hindus and Muslims like to pray. For P.E. this term, please ensure your child is wearing their sports kits on Mondays and Wednesdays, for cricket and athletics respectively.

### YEAR 4

In **Year 4**, our focus book for English in Term 5 is The Mousehole Cat which will allow us to explore some poetry as well as stepping into role as reporters and writing our own news articles. In maths we will be sequencing and rounding decimals then moving on to learning about money and time. We also begin our online practice sessions ready for the multiplication check which the children have been working hard preparing for. We will continue to utilise Times Table Rock Stars to practise these at school and ask that you encourage your children to continue this at home. We will be learning about "States of matter " for science. Spanish lessons have now resumed and P.E will be on both Monday and Wednesday, which are both outdoors.

### YEAR 5

**Year 5** are looking forward to a busy term 5 including bikeability and coronation celebrations. We will finish our "Cosmic" inspired English lessons and Space themed science before moving onto our new book which will be "The Adventures of Odysseus". Our history topic - The Ancient Greeks - launches this term including an interactive Living History Workshop on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> May. Following this, Year 5 will learn more about this ancient civilisation including the ways in which the Ancient Greeks lived and how their culture has influenced

our ideas, even today. Our first Maths focus will be angles then regular, irregular and 3d shapes before moving onto co-ordinates, reflection and translation of shapes. In computing, year 5 will take on the role of game designers as they plan, develop, create and play maze games. RE lessons will examine the question "What does it mean to be a Muslim in Britain today?" whilst RSHE will explore different relationships including those experienced in the online world. PE topics for the term are Athletics and Cricket.

## YEAR 6

Term 5 will be a busy one for Year 6!

We begin our new text in English entitled 'The Viewer' by Gary Crew. It is an excellent text which uses detailed illustrations to tell an interesting story. We will begin the term by studying line graphs in maths and will be revisiting key areas of learning in the run up to the SATs tests which will be taken in the week of the 8th May (Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> is the first SAT, the day after the Bank holiday).

Our new topic in history is Ancient Egypt- we will be studying many aspects of daily life and, amongst other topics, will research the discoveries of Howard Carter. Science will be based on the topic of 'Light'.

The residential trip to Grosvenor Hall, Ashford (14<sup>th</sup> -17<sup>th</sup> May) will be a highlight for many this term.

### P.E.-

PE this term will be cricket and athletics.

PE – Term 5 2022-2023	
Year 3	Monday and Wednesday
Year 4	Monday and Wednesday
Year 5	Tuesday and Thursday
Year 6	Tuesday and Friday

Yours sincerely

*The Junior Team*