



Dear Parents and Carers,

A big, warm welcome to Year 5. I hope you and your family have had a well-deserved rest over the recent break. Below is an outline of the learning you can expect your child to be carrying out over the Autumn term.

Maths – Power Maths: Place Value and Four Operations

In Maths, we will be focusing on the Power Maths scheme, delving into place value and the four operations. Our aim is to develop a deep understanding of these fundamental mathematical concepts to lay a solid foundation for further learning. We shall place great importance on gaining a confident understanding of place value up to one million, whilst also considering decimal values such as tenths and hundredths.

English – ‘George the Dragon Slayer’ and ‘The Jabberwocky’

Within the English curriculum, students will explore texts such as 'George the Dragon Slayer' and 'The Jabberwocky'. Whilst learning about these topics, the children will have the opportunity to explore a wide range of text types; interviews, letters, diaries, narratives and poems. The children will also learn the similarities and differences between each of these texts. Our daily Guided Reading sessions will enhance comprehension skills, while attention will be given to Spelling, Punctuation, and Grammar (SPAG) to refine language proficiency.

Science - Earth and Space, and Forces

We shall will embark on an intriguing journey through Science, discovering the realms of Earth and Space. Additionally, they will investigate various forces, fostering a curiosity for the scientific world around them. During each of the above topics we shall carry out a range of scientific investigations to answer our own scientific questions. We shall also enrich our lessons further by immersing ourselves in a range of scientific vocabulary.

RE - The Bible, Christianity at Christmas

In Religious Education, children will study the Bible, gaining an understanding of why people may turn to the Bible, some of the key messages within the Bible as well as where each of the stories can be found within the Bible. We shall also delve into the significance of Christianity during the festive season of Christmas, gaining insights into the religious and cultural aspects of this celebration.

Geography - Rivers, Settlements, Mapping, and Dangers

The Geography curriculum will see pupils exploring rivers, including reasons why people settle near them, potential hazards, and practical skills in mapping these vital geographical features.

History - The Great Plague

Our History studies will focus on the Great Plague, examining its origins, impact on society, and the experiences of individuals during this significant historical event. We shall also delve into the impact that the Great Plague had on our local area of Lancashire.

DT - Food Technology and Archaeology-Based Soup

Within Design Technology, the children will hone their culinary skills in our food segment of the DT curriculum. The children will also engage in a whole school DT week designed to engage the children, develop their skills and raise the profile of the subject within school. DT will be taught by Mrs Parkinson this term.

Art - Exploring Different Types of Lines

Art lessons will involve exploring various types of lines, fostering creativity and expression through different artistic techniques. We shall also compare the works of a variety of different artists and attempt to replicate their styles. Art will be taught by Mrs Parkinson this term.

PE - Swimming and Team Games

Physical Education will see students participating in team games activities each Monday with Mr Blackburn. On a Wednesday the children will be taught by Mrs Parkinson and will learn about Dance and Gymnastics throughout the half term.

PSHE – Heart Smart Scheme, Leadership Learning

Through our new Pol Ed scheme, the children will explore their thoughts individually, with learning partners and within groups, to the following key questions: How can my adult relationships affect my future? How do words have power? What are my personal boundaries? What are online friendships? What is media influence? How can we keep our things safe? How can we use our phones sensibly?

Computing - Online Safety

In Computing, the focus will be on online safety, equipping students with essential knowledge and skills to navigate the digital world securely on their devices. Computing will be taught by Mrs Parkinson this term.

French - Meeting and Greeting

Students will be introduced to basic French language skills, learning how to meet and greet each other in a culturally appropriate manner. French will be taught by Mrs Parkinson this term.

Kind regards,

Mr Blackburn, Mrs Hopwood and Mrs Parkinson

Autumn Term Key Dates

Monday 15th September – Meet the Teacher Y5

Monday 15th September – Potential Trip to Kirkham Grammar (Escape Room Experience)

Monday 29th September – Beginning of DT Week

Friday 10th October – Hello Yellow Day

Monday 20th October and Thursday 23rd October – Parent Consultation Meetings

Friday 24th October – Close for half term (3:15pm finish)

Wednesday 5th November – School reopens

Friday 14th November – Children in Need (Dress in Spots)

Monday 17th November – Beginning of Road Safety Week (Dress up bright)

Monday 8th December – KS2 Carol Service 1:30pm in Church

Thursday 18th December – Christmas Showcase

Friday 19th December – Close for Christmas Holidays (2:00pm finish)