



# DEWHURST ST MARY CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## Year 5

Spring Term 2018

The aim of this newsletter is to tell you a little bit more about what is happening in our class during the next term.

Whilst not being able to mention *everything* that we will be covering, I hope you will get a flavour for the curriculum and will be able to hear the finer details from your child and see regular updates of lessons on our Class Dojo page!

### Maths

This term we will be doing lots of work on fractions, decimals and percentages! This will include converting, adding, subtracting, comparing and ordering. We will be continuing to develop our mental and written methods of the four operations (-+x÷) Our other topics include: statistics, measure and shape and space. Some of our learning goals are to;

- add and subtract fractions with the same denominator and multiples of the same number,
- convert between different units of metric measure (e.g. kilometre and metre; centimetre and metre; centimetre and millimetre; gram and kilogram; litre and millilitre)
- complete, read and interpret information in tables, including timetables
- use the properties of rectangles to deduce related facts and find missing lengths and angles

### English

In English, we are learning about: persuasive writing, instructions, writing to create suspense, Poetry, Rap and Vocabulary building and we will study a take one book. Guided reading happens daily and provides the children to read with and work on comprehension skills twice a week with an adult. We will be continuing to develop the use following grammatical features: cohesion across paragraphs, suffixes, relative clauses, parenthesis, adverbials, modal verbs and tenses within all our writing. Spellings will be practised every day in class and tests are on Tuesdays.

### Science

We will be studying 'Living Things and Their Habitats' and 'Animals including Humans' By the end of the topic we are aiming to;

- Describe the stages of the life cycles of mammals, birds, insects and amphibians
- Explain the function of the parts of a flower.
- Give two differences between sexual and asexual reproduction.
- Identify the features of plants pollinated by insects or the wind
- Explain the changes that occur during stages of human development.
- Demonstrate understanding of how babies grow in height and weight.

### R.E

Our first topic is 'Key figures in Judaism'. We will be learning about Passover and Purim during this unit. Then we will be working on the question 'Did God intend Jesus to be Crucified?' where we will be studying Christianity.

### History

In History we will be studying the Ancient Egyptians! Some of the things that we will be learning is to:

- Understand and explain the ancient Egyptian ritual of mummification
- Understand how evidence can give us different answers about the past.
- Compare and contrast the Egyptian writing with my own.

### Music

Whilst learning to listen to, appraise, sing and play Pop Ballads and Hip Hop we will be focusing on the songs 'Make You Feel My Love' by Adele and 'The Fresh Prince of Bell Air'.

### PE

This half term Mr Caslack is teaching Dodge ball, Indoor Athletics and Hockey. We are swimming on Thursday afternoons at the Laura Trott Leisure Centre.

### Art & DT

In Art, we will be studying Andy Warhol. Whilst creating masterpieces we will be:

- Developing our use of colour and revising complimentary and harmonious colours knowledge.
- Evaluating our own and others' work. Including work by Andy Warhol.

In D&T we will be creating Egyptian Shadufs through the use of woodwork. We will be designing, planning, creating and evaluating throughout the DT week.

### Computing

Are topics this term are 'We are artist' where we will be learning about and creating computer generated art. Our other topic is 'We are Web Developers' where we will be creating a website about cyber safety,

### PSHE

In Jigsaw are two topics are 'Dreams and Goals' and 'Healthy Me'. We will be learning about different jobs, aspirations and different cultures. We will then be learning about keeping healthy, including body image, food and basic emergency aid.

### **Additional Information**

Homework is set on Thursdays and collected in on Tuesdays. If homework is not handed in on time or fully completed the children will be expected to stay in on Tuesday lunch time to complete the set tasks. As outlined in the Home Learning Policy, two pieces of homework will be issued a week. Children are expected to spend 1.5 hours a week on this homework. As also stated in the Home Learning Policy, children are expected to read, consolidate their spelling learning and practise their times tables **daily**.

Reading records are required to be handed in every day signed from the previous night, a record is kept of how frequently children are reading at home. If children have not brought in their reading records or read for **3 nights in a row**, they will spend a break time completing a reading comprehension task in order to consolidate their reading skills. New to Year 5, we are asking children to complete a book review once they have finished their school reading book. This is to ensure that they have fully understood the text and is also promotes the skills required in the National Curriculum. Once a note has been signed in the reading record that the book has been finished, a book review will be sent home. Completing a book review will count as reading that night. Acknowledgement and rewards are given to those who are reading every night alongside the bonus of them enjoying reading. That includes weekly Dojos and a dip in the prize box as well as termly certificates and prizes! Children are more than welcome to record the reading of their own books in their reading records **alongside** reading of their school book. *A huge well done to the whole class as every child received a reading certificate in Autumn term- you're my first class to achieve this. Thank you for your support and please continue encouraging lots of reading at home this term! 😊*

Children have log ins to I Am Learning, Lexia and Purple Mash which they are able use from home if access to a computer is possible. I Am Learning also facilitates homework and will be used in the upcoming weeks. We use Class Dojo frequently in Year 5, so please make sure you are logged in to see all the wonderful things we are up to!