



Class 5: Autumn 1



Dear Parents,

Here are some of the activities we will be covering this half-term. This overview does not include everything that we will be doing, but hopefully it will give you an insight into some of the learning which will be taking place in our classroom.

<u>English</u> This year, we will be using a range of texts to support our writing. ● Narrative texts – We will be focusing on describing settings and characters, using figurative language and personification to add descriptive detail. We will also be looking at how authors build up mystery, suspense and tension in their writing. ● Persuasive writing – persuasive letters and advertisements. ● Throughout the term, we will also be focusing on our basic punctuation (full stops, capital letters, question marks and exclamation marks). We will also be having a focus on inverted commas (speech marks) and commas for clauses.	<u>Mathematics</u> ● Place value – Knowing the value of digits in 4, 5 and 6-digit numbers, comparing and ordering numbers and rounding. ● Addition and Subtraction – We will be building confidence in using the column method to add and subtract more complex numbers and problems, including questions based on decimals and money. ● Multiplication and Division – We will develop knowledge of multiples, factors and prime numbers. We will also be developing our written methods so we can calculate larger numbers.	
<u>PSHE / RE</u> <u>PSHE</u> Friendship, Belonging and Bullying We will be looking at how to build respectful friendships. We will explore what stereotypes, prejudice and discrimination are and the impact they can have. We will learn how to build inclusive communities through challenging prejudice and discrimination. We will develop our understanding of what bullying is and how to tackle it. <u>RE</u> How are Jewish beliefs expressed in the home? This year children will be focusing on Judaism as well as Christianity. We will be starting our understanding of Judaism by exploring the importance of the Torah to Jewish people and how they worship at a synagogue and at home. We will explore Jewish traditions relating to Passover and Shabbat.	<u>Science</u> Why do we have night, day and the seasons? – We will be exploring our solar system including understanding the relative sizes of the Earth, Sun and Moon and how they move in relation to each other. We will also be investigating what causes day and night and the seasons. We will learn about other planets in the solar system.	<u>Computing</u> Word Processing We will be developing the skill of creating and saving shared documents. We will also be developing our skills of word processing, such as using keyboard shortcuts and split screen as well as editing work. We will be learning which software package is appropriate and most effective for certain purposes.
<u>History</u> The Romans: How did Roman settlement change life and society in Britain? This half term we will be exploring what life in Britain was like before the arrival of the Romans. We will investigate how settlements changed and both the short term and long-term impact of Roman Britain, including development of roads, trade, language and culture. We will discuss the usefulness of different historical sources.		<u>DT</u> Textiles – combining fabrics In DT, we will be focusing on using sewing and stitching techniques to join fabrics together to make an Advent Calendar.
<u>PE</u> OAA –As part of our Outdoor Adventures unit, children will be developing their problem solving and teamwork skills. Games –This term we will also be working on skills linked to the sport of Hockey. <i>*Note: children should make sure their PE kits are in school every day as we may take advantage of the drier days for PE across Autumn term.</i>		
<u>French</u> Phonics - Children will develop their understanding of French pronunciation and spelling to help them access the rest of the units across the year.		
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