

**Summer Term 2021
(Year 5)**

Dear Parent/Carer,

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

We would like to share with you an overview of the term ahead. In maths, we will be looking at mental and written methods for division, before moving onto studying fractions and decimals. Children can login in at home to practice their maths using Mathletics and TT Rockstars.

In reading sessions, we will be focusing on the book 'Street Child' by Berlie Doherty. We have copies in school for the children to use, but if any child would like to bring their own in from home, this would be great. We will be continuing to practice different types of comprehension questions, which we call VIPERS.

During the second part of the Summer term, we will be reading the book, 'Malamander' by Thomas Taylor. The texts will be used to support us with our writing, as we compose reports, recounts and stories. We will also be writing application letters for senior pupil roles in Year 6.

In history lessons this term, children will be learning about the lives of children during the Victorian Era. We will study the industrial revolution, compare and contrast life now with life during this era and study the significance of Dr Barnardo, Rowntree and Lord Shaftsbury on the lives of children. Linking to our work on the Victorians, in geography we will be learning about trade links and the origins of key foods. We will also study the effect of food on industry, farming and employment.

In Science, we will study how the human body changes over time, focussing on the changes the body goes through during puberty. We will also look at forces and Earth and space.

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...

After the Easter break, we ask that all children come to school wearing their school uniform. Your child will change into their PE kit when in school. Please ensure that their PE kit is brought into school each Monday. PE kit will return home each Friday to be washed for the following week. **Year 5 PE is every Tuesday and Wednesday.**

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 Summer Term 2021

School closes for Half term – Friday 28th May

School reopens – Monday 7th June

School closes for Summer – Friday 16th July

School reopens – Thursday 2nd September

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)