

Term 6 2023 -24

## Year 5 Newsletter



We are aware that at this time of year there is a pressure from children to give gifts to members of staff. Whilst we are incredibly grateful for this, we would like to reduce that pressure and ask that you do not buy gifts for the members of staff in Year 5 this year.

It is a pleasure to do the job we do, and as money is tighter for all of us, if you would like to give a gift, we would really appreciate a home-made card or note even more than anything that can be bought!

In PHSE this term, we will be looking at the theme of 'Growing and Changing.' We will be learning how puberty changes our body, as well as discussing the physical and emotional changes that can occur during this time.

In ICT this term, we are learning about algorithms with the eventual aim to code, test and play our own small computer game.

Our teachers remain the same for cover on Wednesday afternoons.

Mrs Olley will be taking Elm Class for RE and Connected learning, while Mrs Collins will be covering Oak class and taking them for Connected Learning and PHSE.

This term, the Christian value for focus is SERVICE.

Service means to serve or help others before ourselves. This is what Jesus taught us.

"There is more happiness in giving than receiving"

ACTS 20:35

Our topic question this term is:

### What effect have humans had on planet Earth?

Welcome back to Term 6!

Our Connected Learning this term sees us continuing to explore the question of the environment. The focus of this term will be more towards the effects of hunting on endangered animals. We will be exploring ways in which animals are under threat and also exploring ways in which we can help to preserve and conserve our animal species for future generations.

In English, we are continuing with *Kensuke's Kingdom* then the book 'The Hunter', and looking at the messages of conservation within. We are going to be using this time to hone our narrative writing skills, as we explore the power of carefully chosen words to help us describe settings, mood and characters.

In Maths this term, we will be focusing on statistics, shape space and measure and area. Please, please, please, continue to practise times tables on a DAILY basis. We cannot emphasise enough how important these basic facts are to the children's general understanding of maths.

Our Music lessons will continue to be taught by Mrs Chapman this term.

In Science, our topic is Animals including Humans. Our focus will be on the humans this term, as we explore the stages of the human life cycle. This ties in well with our learning in PHSE.

In PE this term, we will be hopefully making the most of the glorious English summer by practising our athletics skills of running, jumping and throwing. Our other lesson is with Commando Josh, teaching us teamwork and communication skills.

## Home Learning

TELL ME ABOUT YOUR BOOK.

A really effective way of helping children to engage with their reading is to ask them to tell you something about the book they are reading.

Please share books and your love of books with your children. Share a story; read together and make sure you take time to read to your child as well as listen to them read!

Many happy memories are made sharing a story.

IT IS GETTING HOTTER! (WE HOPE!)

Please ensure your child comes to school with a water bottle, hat and sun cream applied so that we can stay safe outside.

