

Autumn 2



# Year 5 Curriculum Newsletter

## Welcome back!

CHRISTMAS IS COMING! But before it does, we have a busy, fun filled half term of hard work planned. A big thank you to all the children for their hard work last half term and for settling in so well. It was lovely to see so many children apply for the extra responsibilities of Student council and Mental Health Champion.

It was a pleasure meeting you all during our Parents Consultations and we are looking forward to seeing you again at our Year 5 Celebration of Work Event on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 2:30p.m. We have another busy half-term ahead of us with Antbullying week, Children in Need, Remembrance Day, Assessment Week and of course Christmas activities. We would appreciate your continued support in ensuring the children get their homework completed weekly, their spellings & times tables practiced and ensuring they read and record in their reading records. We are thrilled with how well the children have embraced our new behaviour policy and the amount of them who earned 100 house points last half-term. Lots of children got to visit the Merevalley Shop and spend their money and some children chose to save their money. We are hoping that by the end of this half-term, even more children will have reached the first goal of 100 House Points!

## The Curriculum

### English:

This term our English starts by finishing the unit on Cotton Rock the children started before half term. They then move onto writing a journal about being on Mars. Our last write of the half term will be a narrative based on The Snowman.

### Maths:

Within Maths, we will initially be revisiting Multiplication and Division to consolidate our learning about multiples and factors. We will then be learning about fractions including: equivalent, improper and mixed number fractions. Year 5 will also be comparing fractions and adding or subtracting the different types of fractions.

### History:

This half term's topic is the Ancient Greeks. We will be looking at some Greek myths, learning about Alexander the Great, learning about the Ancient Greek civilisation and then looking at how the Greeks have impacted upon our lives today.

### Science:

Year 5 will be looking at forces this half term. During the half term the children will be learning about fraction, gravity, air resistance, water resistance and how we can make mechanisms to have an effect on forces.

### Music:

This term's music the children will be continuing their work on the guitars. Learning how to play along with music.

### PE:

This term's PE is Basketball and Dance. In basketball the children will be learning how to dribble, pass and shoot within the laws of the game. In dance children will be learning rhythm and movement.

### Computing:

This half term the children will learning how to code in their computing lessons. Starting on the efficiency of coding all the way to learning how to create different coding strings.

### PSHE:

This term our PSHE topic is titled celebrating difference. Children will be exploring different cultures and how they differ. They are going to have an anti-bullying week and also look at economic differences across cultures.

### DT:

This half term our DT is based on seasonality, and we are looking at soups. Children will be researching, tasting and creating their own soups. This is always a fun topic which the children love and some of their creations are... interesting....

### Things to remember:

Reading records are due on Mondays and the children should all be reading four times a week.

### Homework

Homework will be sent via parent mail on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November.

Value of the month for November:



Value of the month for December:



### Dates for your diary!:-

**Remembrance Day:**

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November

**Antibullying Week:**

Monday 11th - Friday 15th November

**Odd Socks Day:**

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November

**Children in Need (non-uniform day):**

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November

**FRIENDs of EVS Movie Night:**

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November

**Christmas Dinner:**

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December

**Y5 Celebration of Work:**

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December

**Christmas Jumper Day:**

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December

**FRIENDs of EVS**

**Christmas Shop:**

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December

**Pantomime:**

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December

**Winning House Prize:**

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December

**Christmas Holidays:**

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December

