

# Year 5

Dear Parents,  
Happy New Year!

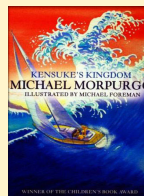
We hope that you have had a happy holiday. The children made a really good start to their time in Year 5. We hope that they return refreshed and ready to make even more progress in 2019. We are looking forward to lots of fun and exciting learning opportunities this term. As well as this, we want to have a big push on times tables and spellings. They are both crucial skills for the children to develop and we appreciate the help and support that you continue to give. As always, our door is open if you have any questions or comments about your child's learning. We are all looking forward to working together to make 2019 amazing!

Miss Smith, Mrs Schilling and the Year 5 team :)

## English:

This term we will be reading **Kensuke's Kingdom** by **Michael Morpurgo**.

Children will learn to develop their writing skills in non-chronological reports and persuasive writing. They will also develop their descriptive writing skills.



We will also be reading **Oranges in No Man's Land** by **Elizabeth Laird**.

Children will learn to develop their writing skills in information texts reports and descriptive writing. They will also develop their discussion skills.



Children will continue to read weekly as part of our reciprocal reading sessions.

It would be great if you could ask your child what they have been learning about in reciprocal reading and their English lessons to reinforce the learning that takes place.

In Creative Writing sessions, children will be demonstrating their understanding of writing at a Year 5 level and therefore it is important that they are here for all sessions so as to build their portfolio.

**Remember to read at least 3 times a week and to fill in your Reading Journal!**

**Also, practise your spellings every day so that you become a super speller!**

## Mathematics

This term pupils will be focusing on:

1	Number and place value; Decimals, percentages and their equivalence to fractions; Problem solving, reasoning and algebra
2	Mental addition and subtraction; Problem solving, reasoning and algebra; Written addition and subtraction
3	Mental multiplication and division; Number and place value; Problem solving, reasoning and algebra
4	Problem solving, reasoning and algebra; Geometry: properties of shapes; Measurement; STA Statistics
5	Written addition and subtraction; Problem solving, reasoning and algebra; Measurement

**Remember to practise your times tables daily!**

## Personal, Health, Social and Community Education (P.H.S.C.E.)

During this half term, we will be talking with the children about Healthy and Safer Lifestyles and managing risks.

## P.E.

This half term, pupils will be developing their skills in sports from around the world.

They will benefit from PE sessions with our specialist PE teacher — Mrs Aston

## Science:

This term, we are looking at The Earth, The Sun and The Moon. We will learn about the following areas:

- the movement of the Earth, and other planets, relative to the Sun in the solar system
- the movement of the Moon relative to the Earth
- use the idea of the Earth's rotation to explain day and night and the apparent movement of the sun across the sky.

The children will develop their scientific enquiry skills through practical sessions.

## Geography - Comparing Countries:

This term the children will compare and contrast Yorkshire, Sicily and New England, USA. They will focus on physical and human aspects of each location. As part of a design technology focus, the children will be trailing new flavours for Yorkshire Puddings!

## RE

Through RE sessions, we will be looking at what light means and what dark means. We will also look at life and death in different religions.

We believe that it is important for children to be able to consider the viewpoints of others and respect their similar and differing views.

## Music

In our music lessons, we will be listening to traditional music from the countries that we study. And developing our understanding of an orchestra.

## Important Dates:

- **Tuesday 22nd January** - Y5 Parent/Carer Learning Log afternoon
- **Tuesday 5th February** - Safer Internet Day
- **Monday 4th February** - Chinese New Year Assembly for children
- **Friday 15th February** - School closes for half-term
- **Monday 25th February** - School opens after half-term
- 1st March — World Book Day
- 15th March — Red Nose Day
- 27th March—Year 5 trip to the Space Centre
- 12th April — School closes for Easter (re-opens **29th April**)