

 **Class 5 Newsletter**

**Term 5**

Be the BEST You Can Be

*Whatever you do, do with all your heart. Collossians 3:23*

WELCOME!
Welcome back Class 5, I hope you enjoyed your Easter holidays and are looking forward to all that we will be learning this term. We have lots of exciting things going on including a class games club on a Tuesday. Below I have detailed an information that I feel is important for this term.

What we are learning
Our topic this term is “Mountains and Rivers”

In English, we will be looking at how to write a debate for our non-fiction work, by the end of this writing unit the children will have a structured debate about the importance of climate change. For our fiction unit we will be writing adventure stories. For our poetry piece we will be drawing inspiration from the jabberwocky. Our class book this term is “The Explorer” which links to our adventure story writing, we will also be looking a range of different texts in guided reading to support our writing and comprehension.

In maths we will be carrying on with decimals before we move on to geometry later in the term.

In science we will learning all about the human body and how it changes over time.

In RE we will be exploring the questions “what does it mean to belong to a religion?” Our focus will be on Judaism.

In geography this term we will be learning all about the formation of mountains and rivers, as well as looking at and reflecting on things that impact them.

In PSHE we will be exploring different relationships that we have and how to manage relationships.

In music the learning in this unit is focused around one song: Dancing In The Street by Martha And The Vandellas - a Motown song from the 1960s

In French we will be using all that we have learnt so far as well as new vocabulary and grammar surrounding friends and family to work towards the goal of having full conversations in French.

In art we will be exploring the works of the artist Monet, and using his work to inspire us to create our own water colour landscape paintings.

In PE we will be doing dance on a Monday and on a Thursday they will be doing athletics with Mrs Edgell

In ICT we will be using purple mash to explore 3D modelling.

Dates for this term

Start date: 19/04/2021

Clubs start: 20/04/2021

Bank holiday (school closed): 03/05/2021

Clubs finish: 25/05/2021

Term finishes: 27/05/2021

Useful Information

PE – our days this term are Monday and Thursdays, please come dressed to school in the correct PE kit.

Homework - each week your child will be set a piece of maths and English homework on a Friday to bring in the following Friday. This is to go with the daily reading your child should also be doing.

Spellings – spellings will be sent home with homework on a Friday, and will be tested the following Friday.

…and finally

There will be 2 clubs running in class 5 this term, a maths tutoring programme to support some children in the preparation for SATs, this is an invite only club. To make sure that every child gets the opportunity to take part in a club I will be running a second club on a Tuesday after school from 3:15-4:00. This is open for all children in class 5 (including those who will be doing the maths tutoring, they can join us when they finish at 3:30 for the final half an hour). Each we will be doing a different sport: dodgeball, tennis, rounders, cricket, football and tag rugby. If your child attends the first session it is expected that they carry on for the term and if they choose not to attend they cannot change their mind as we need to know who we are expecting for safety reasons. If you have any questions please message me on dojo or email me at kbeere@stmaryswrithlington.co.uk. I am always available for a chat after school also.

Reading and Times Tables

We will be continuing with our accelerated reading (AR) scheme this term. Your child will be reassessed on Wednesday 21st of April and given a new ZPD code. It is expected that they read at least 5 times a week if not daily so they can finish books and progress onto the next level. All children in class 5 have made excellent progress since we started this scheme in September so let’s keep up the wonderful progress.

We no longer explicitly learn times tables in year 5 as the national expectation is that all children know them up to 12 x 12 by the end of year 4. However as times tables under pins so much of their work we really want them to continue using times table rock stars so this skill is embedded, even 5 minutes daily will really help.