



# YEAR 5 NEWSLETTER

## AUTUMN TERM 2018

### Welcome!

Welcome back I hope that you have all enjoyed a wonderful summer holiday and that the children are refreshed and ready for the start of Autumn Term. We have plenty of interesting learning planned for the autumn.

#### Dates for your diary:

**W/B 10<sup>th</sup> September** – Clubs start this week

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October**- visit to the Unicorn theatre to watch a performance

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October** - Class Assembly at 2.45pm

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October** – School closes for half term

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October** – School opens

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November** – INSET Day

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November**- visit to the cinema

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November** – INSET Day

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December** – School closes for Christmas holiday at 2.15pm

### Learning Challenge

#### Curriculum

The first IPC unit will be 'Brainwaves'. This unit will provide an excellent opening to the academic year as it focuses on ways we can improve our learning by looking at the functions of some areas of the brain and how it processes information and the role of memory.

The next IPC unit will be a History led unit called 'The Great, the Bold and the Brave'. The children will be learning about the civilisations of ancient Greece and ancient Rome and their legacies. We will also cover later invasions in Britain by the Anglo-Saxons and the Vikings will then follow with particular references to some of the rulers, such as Alfred the Great.

The final IPC unit for the term will be Science led called 'Bake it'. This looks at materials, their properties, the changing state of materials, such as what happens to food when heated, solids that dissolve in water and the conditions live yeast grows.

### P.E.

PE kits need to be at school **every day**. Even though we have allocated PE days, sometimes PE days will change, due to unforeseen circumstances.

**Jewellery is not permitted** and any children wearing it will be asked to take it off. Any earrings must be **stud earrings**, any other designs will be covered up with plasters.

Y5 will be going swimming **every Friday morning**. For swimming, the children will require an appropriate swimming costume or swimming trunk and a towel. Please can you let the school know your availability to help with the weekly swimming? Unfortunately, if we do not have enough adults to help with swimming the children will not be able to go.

## Celebrations

Every week we hold a Golden Book Assembly where we celebrate children's achievements both in and outside school. If your child has recently done something that they are particularly proud of and would like to share their success with everyone please encourage them to bring this information in so that it can be shared in assembly.

## Attendance and Punctuality

Attendance and punctuality are extremely important! There is a clear link between attendance, punctuality and progress. The children can enter the classroom from 8.45am and registration is at 8.55am. Any child arriving after 8.55am must come in to school via the office and they will have a late mark in the register.

## Other Information

### The Prince William Award

This year, every Thursday afternoon Year 5 will be taking part in The Prince William Award. The course will be led by qualified skilled practitioners, who will focus on listening skills, problem solving, teamwork/corporation, caring/empathy and leadership skills.

### Shakespeare for Schools

We have been chosen to perform a play of Romeo and Juliet at the Brit School, so much of our literacy this term will be focussed on this play and Shakespeare's life. Dates for the performance will be released at a later date.

## Home Learning

Children will receive a pick and mix activity sheet with a range of fun learning challenged to prepare them for their term ahead. These will be given out at the beginning of every half term.

Weekly spellings will be given out and children will be tested on these **every Tuesday morning**.

Reading will continue to form the core part of home learning, as it is central to all learning. If your child has not yet joined a library, it would be beneficial for your child to do so. It will be the children's responsibility to select a range of books, both fiction and non-fiction, and read and write reviews on the books they have read at home if they wish to. It will also provide an excellent opportunity for children to talk with you about what they have read

