



Year 5 Welcome back!



Welcome back to the second half of our Spring term. We hope you all had a lovely break. This half term we have World Book Day to look forward to with the theme of 'Snuggle Up With A Book'. **We would like to invite you into class on Thursday 26th March from 9:15 until 10:45** to help the children with their unit on making a toy with a moving cam mechanism. We hope you can join us!

Mrs Holman, Mrs Wood and Mrs Wilson

PSHE – We will be completing the next My Happy Mind unit on 'Relate' where we will learn how to build good relationships and understand how we are all different. We will also be learning

- that some media and online content promote stereotypes
- how to assess which search results are more reliable than others
- to recognise unsafe or suspicious content online

- to identify jobs that they might like to do in the future
- about the role ambition can play in achieving a future career
- how or why someone might choose a certain career

We will also make links with our computing lessons and the need for safety online and the content we are presented with.

English:



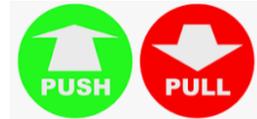
In English we will be studying the Historical Novel 'Oliver Twist' by Charles Dickens. We will start by focusing on historical settings and language. We will explore character development and build up to writing our own chapter for the story. We then look at playscripts and develop our oracy skills with an 'Oliver' showcase. We look forward to sharing this with you at our parents in class afternoon.

In Guided Reading this half term we will be studying the novel 'Hugo Cabret' by Brian Selznick and the poem 'Timothy Winters'.



Mathematics: In maths we will look at fractions and how to convert from mixed numbers to improper fractions. We will also learn how to add and subtract fractions. We will be focusing on angles and how to measure with a protractor. We will also be learning about rotation and translation of shapes in geometry. We will of course continue our work on applying different strategies and the four operations.

Science: In this half term we will be focusing on the unit of forces and friction. We will examine what friction is and when and how it is used. We will investigate the different types of forces around us such as air resistance, water resistance and gravity. We will conduct experiments and investigations into these themes and develop our technical vocabulary and deepen our understanding of the terms as well as develop our ability to fair test and write up our investigations. We will link it to our D.T by looking at mechanisms and how things work.



Computing: In this unit from Kapow the children will learn Online Safety. We will explore online communication and how to protect personal information by creating a strong password. The children will also discover both the positive and negative impacts of online use.

Religious Education: This half term the children will be focusing on Islam. They will look at how the stories about Jesus' life in the bible are a way of teaching those of a Christian religion.

DT: We will be investigating toys that move, looking at CAMS and how they work. This will lead us into designing and developing our own moving toy with a cam mechanism. We look forward to you helping us complete this project during our Parents in Class afternoon.

Reading: Our class novel this half term is The Golden Horsemen of Baghdad by Saviour Pirotta. This novel links nicely with the work we will be doing in History and DT.

Physical Education: This half term we will be focusing on the skills needed for cricket and working in small teams. We will also be map reading and learning the skill of orienteering.

Music:



This half term children will have the opportunity to learn how to play Ukulele with Mr Gilmour.

History: This half term we will be finding out about the Golden Age of Islam and the round city of Baghdad. We will learn the key events, the importance of inventions from that time and develop our enquiry skills to answer the question 'Why was early Islamic Civilisation so significant?'



THINGS TO REMEMBER

- **PE DAYS :** Year 5 have PE on a Thursday and a Friday. Both Indoor and outdoor PE kits and trainers need to be brought into school.
- **Home Learning:** This will be given out on a Friday and should be returned by Thursday. We will continue to focus on times tables/arithmetic and spellings.
- **Reading:** Your child should read and discuss their reading book **at least 3x a week for 5-10 minutes.** This will help them to improve their fluency and comprehension skills. This will also help them to improve their writing skills.

