April 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the Summer Term (believe it or not!). It has been lovely to see the children again after the two week break.

Our curriculum this half term:
English – We are getting stuck into our non-fiction unit on biography writing, which is built around the book: 'Suffragette: The Battle for Equality', by David Roberts.

History – We are continuing our learning about Norse culture, before moving on to learning about the second Viking age in Britain.

Geography – We are continuing our learning about North and South America, which will lead us onto focusing on the Amazon.

Science – We are continuing our learning about forces, after which, we will move on to the topic: 'Animals Including Humans'.

Maths – All maths groups will be learning about fractions this half term. As always, you will find more specific details on the Weekly Overview, which goes up on Google Classroom every Friday, as well as relevant activities on MyMaths to help support you to do further practice with your child at home. **For children in all maths groups, we would continue to thoroughly recommend doing lots of times tables practice at home. Quick recall of multiplication and division facts is very helpful when learning about fractions. Please see the new Home Learning sheets for games/websites that can help support times tables practice. TTRockstars is particularly good for this!**

Religions and worldviews – We will begin our new topic: 'Why are some journeys and places special?', which focuses on the concept of pilgrimage. Through this topic, we will explore significant pilgrimages within different religions.

Reading – We will continue with our whole class reading lessons and small group guided reading sessions. ***We would like to emphasise the importance of continuing to listen to your child read aloud at home, even if they are able to read confidently independently. It is incredibly beneficial to your child in terms of developing their comprehension, vocabulary and ability to read with tone and expression.***

Music – We are learning 'Make You Feel My Love' by Adele. We will move on to learning about various orchestral pieces from Gustav Holst's 'The Planets Suite'.

PSHE – Our new topic is: 'Health and Wellbeing'. The children will learn about taking greater responsibility for sleep, sun safety, healthy eating and managing feelings; setting goals and embracing failure; understanding the importance of rest and relaxation. We will also be doing 'Zones of Regulation' lessons, which focus on identifying our emotions; categorising emotions into four different states (or 'zones'); developing awareness and understanding of appropriate/optimum states for different contexts and situations.

Computing – We will continue learning about data handling. Alongside this, we will continue to teach children about staying safe online.

PE – The children will be doing a dance unit which focuses on learning about dancing styles through the eras, specifically the 50s, 60s and 70s! **On their PE days, it is essential that children come to school in appropriate clothing and footwear. Shoulder length hair and longer must also be tied back. Children will have to miss their PE lesson if they are not wearing appropriate clothing.**

The **Weekly Overview** will continue to be put on your child's Google Classroom every Friday at 6:00pm. This will let you know what is being taught in the following week, as well as any current news. You can access this by logging on to Google Classroom using your child's login details. Your child should have this already (it is the same as previous years). If you need reminding of the login, please ask your child's teacher.

Medical conditions & food allergies/intolerances
It is vital that we have accurate information and documentation about any medical conditions or food allergies/intolerances your child may have. **Please report any changes to the school office**.
Please also ensure to check that any medication kept in school for your child, is correct and in date.

Drop-off and Pickup
Gates will open at 8:45am and we expect children to be in class by 8:55am, to ensure that they are ready for us to be able to start the school day at 9am. Children must be sitting down in their classroom in order to be marked in on time in the register.

The school day finishes at 3:15pm. If you would like your child to make their way to and from school independently, please speak to your class teacher to confirm that you give permission for them to do so.

Dates for your diary

Wednesday 3rd May – 5P & 5B Trip to Turkish Cultural Foundation in Hornsey

Friday 5th May – 5R & 5O Trip to Turkish Cultural Foundation in Hornsey

Southwark Cathedral Trip:

Wednesday 24th May – 5P

Wednesday 7th June – 5O

Friday 16th June – 5R

Tuesday 27th June – 5B

Monday 1st May and **Monday 8th May**: Bank holidays

Wednesday 5th July: Sports day (information about the day will be sent nearer the time)

Haringey term dates 2022/2023: https://www.haringey.gov.uk/children-and-families/schools-and-education/information-parents/term-dates

We look forward to another full, varied and successful half term!

Yours sincerely,

The Year 5 Team