



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 begin by continuing with our focus text: ‘The Promise’ by Nicola Davies, before moving on to a new unit built around ‘The Dam’ by David Almond. Both books use language and illustration in interesting ways in order to explore complex themes, allowing us to facilitate interesting discussions with the children. Within both units, the children will practise various writing styles in response to the text, such as, formal letter writing, poetry and story writing.

History – Following our exploration of Norse culture, we are moving on to learning about the second Viking age in Britain.

Geography – Last half term’s learning about North and South America now leads us on to a focus on the Amazon.

Science – We are continuing our learning about Earth and space, after which, we will move on to the topic: ‘Animals Including Humans’.

Maths – All maths groups will be learning about decimals and percentages this half term. As always, you will find more specific details on the Weekly Overview, which goes up on ParentHub every Friday, as well as relevant activities on MyMaths to help you to support your child at home.

If you would like do further maths practice at home, or if parts of the MyMaths activities seem too challenging for your child at home, we would highly recommend you to use the school calculation policy found on our website. Click [here](#) to access it. Please do also remember that we provide maths activities, as well as website ideas on our Year 5 Maths Home Learning pages.

For children in all maths groups, we would also continue to thoroughly recommend doing lots of times tables practice at home. TTRockstars is particularly good for this! If you have lost your login, please speak to your child’s class teacher.

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.

Music – We will move on to learning about various orchestral pieces from Gustav Holst’s ‘The Planets Suite’.

PSHE – Our 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.

Computing – We will move on to a data handling unit, focusing on the Mars Rover. 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 dance 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 be tied back, and in line with the school's policy, children should not be wearing any jewellery except stud earrings. Children will have to miss their PE lesson if they are not wearing appropriate clothing.**

Dates for your diary

Southwark Cathedral Trip:

Tuesday 7th May - 5P

Wednesday 8th May - 5R

Tuesday 21st May - 5O

Wednesday 22nd May - 5B

Sunday 12th May – Coleridge Fun Run

Saturday 29th June – Summer Fair

Wednesday 3rd July – Sports Day

Thursday 9th July – School reports given to parents/carers

Wednesday 17th July – Parents evening (in-person)

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

Yours sincerely,

The Year 5 Team