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Summer 2023 Newsletter
Year 5 – Blue Class

Dear Parents and Carers

We hope you had a lovely Easter holiday and are ready for another fantastic term in Year 5! We have some great topics this term, here is a brief outline.

Reading is an important part of your child's learning. Please continue to read with your child at least 5 times each week - it really does make a difference! We will monitor the records every Friday. Please take the time to talk to your child about what they have read. During our ERIC lessons, we will be continuing to read 'Boy in a Tower' by Polly Ho-Yen. Later in the term, we will be reading the Shakespeare classic: 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' and using the text to further inspire and develop the children's writing.

In **English**, we will be working to develop our skills in fiction writing, focusing on developing narrative, character and using dialogue. For our non-fiction topics, we will be analysing a range of reports and discussion texts and will be using these to help write our own. The children will continue with Big Writing in order to further develop their independent writing and editing skills. **Spelling, grammar** and **handwriting** will also be taught on a regular basis.

In **Maths** we will be learning how to measure and draw angles accurately using a protractor. We will also be exploring translations and reflections and fine-tuning our understanding around properties of shapes. We will be securing our understanding of formal written methods for multiplication and division and applying these to increasingly challenging problems. We will be converting between imperial and metric units of measuring and continuing to expand our knowledge and understanding of fractions, decimals and percentages.

In **Science** we will be learning about animals including humans, this will be looking at the development cycle of humans and animals. In the second half of the Summer term, we will be learning about living things and their habitats, this will include classifying animals into their animal classes.

In **RE** the children will be looking at the importance of the Eucharist to Christians and what is holiness for Jewish people: a place, a time, an object or something else?

In **Design and Technology** the children will be completing a project to design and make a bread product. In **Art** we will be exploring 3D sculptures and looking at the work of sculpture artists.

In **Computing**, the children will be exploring 3D Modelling to design and make their own 3D model. We will also be making concept maps to record and express ideas. Finally, we will be developing our word processing skills too.

In **History** the children will explore the question of why people go on a journey, and look at five very different types of journey in depth. The journeys selected span from the Tudor period to those undertaken today by refugees.
After half term, in **Geography** the children will find out about the UK's global trade links, investigating where everyday products come from and the journeys they take to our homes.

In **PE** the children will be developing their skills in rounders and athletics. Please make sure that your child has the correct PE kit, royal blue T-shirt, a navy blue PE jumper, navy shorts or skorts and plimsolls or trainers, all clearly labelled. You may also wish to provide your child with jogging bottoms too.

We will be learning **French** each week. Our first topic is about the weather, where the children will learn words and phrases through lots of speaking and games. Our topic after half term is clothes.

In Music the children will be singing with Mrs Earl and exploring instruments. We are hoping they will be able to resume their lessons in string instruments before the end of term.

Homework will continue to be given out on a Friday to be returned on the following Wednesday please.

Please continue to provide your child with fruit or vegetables for snack each day and they will also need a water bottle too.

As always, if you ever have any concerns please do not hesitate to contact us to arrange a mutually convenient time to discuss.

I look forward to the children having another great term.

Yours sincerely

Mr Pickering

Class teacher