

# YEAR 5 NEWSLETTER: TERM 2

We hope you have had a relaxing half term and are ready for a busy Christmas term. We have loads of fun activities planned including lots of Christmas activities.

Miss Seymour, Mrs Shepherd, Miss Leese and Mrs Medhurst are always here to help and answer any questions that you may have.

## Important Information

All children in Year 5 are free readers, which means that they can choose the books that they read. They are welcome to borrow a book from class or read one from home. They need to write in their home contact books when they read – we ask that parents check what has been written and sign against their child's reading. Each Thursday, totals are counted and collected as part of a whole school competition and any child that reads 5 times a week will receive 3 dojos.

If you need to speak to the class teacher, please use the contact book in the first instance or come and see us at the door at home time.

Home time - Children with permission will be taken to the KS1 playground; please email the school office if you would like your child to do this.

## What we will be learning

In English, we will be looking at *Holes* by Louis Sachar's. We will be doing non-chronological reports, Letter and diary writing and completing a newspaper report. We will be building upon our grammar knowledge and aim to include this independently within our writing.

In Maths, we will be continuing with multiplication and division before moving onto fractions. Times tables underpin all the work that we do in maths, so continue to practise as much as you can on TTRS.

In term 2, we will be looking at Ancient Greece in History, North America in Geography and the solar system, planets and global warming in Science. We also have some great lessons planned in Art, DT, Computing, French, RE, PSHE and Music.

## Dates for your Diary

4<sup>th</sup> November: Start of term 2

12<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> November:  
Parent/carer evenings

15<sup>th</sup> November: Children in Need

9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> December:  
Christmas Carol concert.

12<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas jumper day

18<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas lunch

19<sup>th</sup> December: Hallings got talent

20<sup>th</sup> December: Last day of term

## Homework

Homework is handed out on a Friday and is due in on the following Wednesday.

Spelling tests take place every Friday, with dojos being awarded for scores of 8+.

## PE

Outdoor P.E. will be on **Tuesday afternoons** and swimming will be on **Wednesday afternoon**. Children need to come to school wearing their P.E. kits on **both** days and bring their swimming kits in a bag. Please ensure that you are following the school uniform policy.

Long hair needs to be tied up and earrings taken out.