



# Class 5 Autumn Term 2017



## Welcome to Year 5!

Welcome back to a new school year! Class 5 have an exciting term ahead with plenty of learning and fun. We are particularly looking forward to our trip to the Pioneer Centre later this month; the children (and staff!) are all very excited. Alongside our daily English and Maths lessons our other subject topics this term will include:

**Properties and changes of materials:** We will be learning all about materials, identifying their properties and why certain materials are suitable for certain jobs. We will also be mixing some materials and experimenting with ways to separate these mixtures.

**Ancient Greece:** We will be learning all about this ancient civilization, its customs, culture and religion. We will also be looking at key events in this period of history, and how some of these events have influenced modern life. Our art topics will be heavily influenced by this topic when we design and make Greek theatre masks.

**RE:** Children will be discussing the Christian idea of God and designing their own Gods. We will further explore the festival of Harvest, and later in the term tackle the concepts of Incarnation and The Trinity.

### PE

PE this first half term will take place on a Wednesday and a Thursday, but please ensure that children have their PE kit in school all week, including suitable footwear. You may wish to provide tracksuit trousers and jumpers as the weather starts to turn cooler.

### SPELLINGS

For the first half term we will revisit the Year 3/4 word list to check that the children have remembered these spellings.

After half term, we will follow the 'Read, Write, Inc' spelling programme. There will be daily activities working towards achieving the Year 5 spelling goals.

Spellings will be given out on a **Monday** and tested on the following **Monday**.

### Homework:

On a Friday children will bring home 2 pieces of homework. These will usually be linked to our Maths, English or Science. These will need to be returned by the following Thursday.

### Reading:

Children will read in a group at school each week and will also read individually with an adult, where possible. Please encourage your child to read to you daily. As a minimum, we ask that you sign your child's reading diary at least 3 times a week.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's learning then please come and see me or Mrs Parkes on her return in October.

Best wishes

Mrs Reid