

In **English** we will be transported to a fantasy world of ice and magic in 'The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe'. As we journey through Narnia, we will explore the characters and events in the book to develop our reading skills. We will do plenty of drama to improve our speaking and listening, and deepen our understanding of the story. To develop our writing skills, we will be creating a report on a mythical creature and writing a narrative. As well as smaller writes like letters, diaries, descriptions and poems.

PE is on Wednesdays. At present, children are to only bring in trainers for PE sessions and these need to be brought in a plastic bag.

In **History** we have a year long focus on 'Rules, Rulers and Beliefs'. We start our adventure at the beginning of the Roman Empire, where we will explore Rome's creation and its subsequent expansion. We will also study Boudica and early Christianity. We will then move into the Anglo-Saxon period in Britain, where we will explore their settlements and kingdoms, and the many invasions that took place. Throughout the year we will be developing our historical skills in describing past cultures, ideas, be-

A message from Mr Dickinson and Mrs Kehoe

Welcome back! It has been fantastic to welcome everybody back to school and see so many smiling faces every morning and afternoon. We have had a fantastic start to the year, the children have approached their work with enthusiasm and vigour, and we can't wait to continue our learning journey this year. Year 5 start at 9:15am and finish at 3:15pm, thank you for being so punctual so far—it has really helped.

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In **Religion** we will be focussing on 'The Domestic Church'. We will learn about what makes us special and thank God for the gifts he gave us. We will also explore our family and our place within the family of the church.

Peter 2:9 But you are a chosen race, the King's priests, the holy nation, God's own people, chosen to proclaim the wonderful acts of God, who called you out of darkness into his own marvellous light.

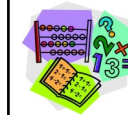
Our focus for **Science** this term is forces. We will explore gravity and the gravitational pull of planets. We will also explore air resistance, friction and water resistance. Whilst we explore these concepts, we will be sharpening our scientific skills through exciting, practical experiments.

Homework

Children should read at least 20 pages from their books every night, this book stays at home until it is finished. In year 5, it is incredibly important for children to practice their times tables every night too.



Homework will be given out on a Friday and will be expected back on a Tuesday, therefore there is time on Monday should children require some extra guidance.



Maths is going to be incredibly exciting this term as we start with catching up on some lost learning from year 4. Then we will move onto geometry, and explore properties of shapes, symmetry and angles; followed by place value, where we will extend our understanding of the number system to millions and explore decimal fractions. We will also be developing our reasoning skills by learning problem solving strategies.

Geography is my favourite subject and I can't wait to explore its wonders with year five. In Autumn term, we start off learning about the world's climate zones and the reasons they are different. We will explore similarities and differences in climates around the world and use statistical data to draw conclusions about locations. We then move on to one of the most exciting geography topics—where we explore volcanoes, earthquakes and mountains! The children will leave no stone unturned in their exploration of the Earth and the forces that drive our planet.