



Dear Families,

Welcome to summer term in Year 5.

The adults supporting your children in class are as follows:

5D: Mrs Daly and Mrs Chisnall

5RG: Mrs Ransome, Miss Gibson and Mrs Davis

P.E days will be on Wednesday and Thursday. Please send your children into school in their P.E kit on these days.

English

To begin the term, we will work on our Talk for Writing unit based on 'Leon and the Place Between'. We will write a narrative with a focus on dialogue. For our non-fiction piece of writing, we will look at newspaper articles.

The children will continue to take part in whole class reading lessons. One of our texts for this term is 'The Explorer' by Katherine Rundell. We will be developing our vocabulary, inference, prediction, explanation and summarising skills.

Spellings will be taught, investigated and practised in lessons and should be learned in preparation for a spelling test the following Friday.

Maths

In maths, we will be looking at measurement and shape linking to the properties of quadrilaterals and triangles, and comparing regular and irregular polygons. We will also be identifying and measuring angles in shapes and understanding coordinates, translation and reflection. Towards the end of the term, we will revisit decimals including introducing adding and subtracting.

Science

Our first unit in science is 'Living things and their habitats'. The children will learn about what reproduction means, how flowering plants reproduce and the life cycles of plants and animals. During the second part of the term, our science unit is 'Earth and Space'. We will learn about the Earth's rotation and how it causes day and night. Their learning will be enhanced from an experience within a Space Dome that will visit the school.

Other subjects

This half term we will continue our history topic on Victorian Colchester including our Victorian Day (more information to follow). After that, our next history topic will explore the Mayans where we will be learning about various aspects of Mayan civilisation, including their trade, culture, religion and society.

In PSHE this term, we will be learning about 'Relationships' to enable pupils to build their own self-esteem and recognise what makes a good friend. After half term, we will be covering the unit 'Changing Me' which will include learning how the body changes during puberty. Children will learn to understand and respect the changes they see in themselves and other people. We will also be learning about reproduction and conception.

In art, we will focus on botanical sketches using pencil and watercolours. Children will learn to apply drawing techniques to show increasingly accurate detail in drawings and develop their own style of painting.