



Curriculum Newsletter for Parents

Autumn Term 1

Year

5

English and Maths

English – This term, the children will be developing their writing skills across a range of contrasting purposes. We will begin by exploring the traditional tale *Aladdin and the Lamp*, using it as inspiration to write to entertain and engage the reader. The children will also have the opportunity to write instructions and retell part of a myth inspired by Ancient Greek mythology. Throughout these units, we will explore the different features and techniques needed to write effectively for each purpose, including the use of adjectives and adverbs, similes and metaphors, fronted adverbials, prepositions, singular and plural apostrophes, punctuation for parenthesis, dialogue and effective, purposeful vocabulary. Alongside these key areas, we will continue to develop the children's confidence in crafting imaginative, engaging and well-structured pieces of writing.

Maths – This term, we will be developing their understanding of place value and working confidently with numbers up to 1,000,000. The children will learn to read, write, partition, compare and order numbers, as well as use number lines and powers of 10 to explore the relationships between numbers. They will practise finding 10, 100, 1,000, 10,000 and 100,000 more or less than a given number and develop their understanding of rounding to the nearest 10, 100 and 1,000. We will also explore Roman numerals before moving on to written methods for addition, subtraction and multiplication, including adding and subtracting numbers with four or more digits, solving missing-number problems, using inverse operations, tackling multi-step calculations, and developing fluency with short and long multiplication. Throughout the term, the children will be encouraged to explain their mathematical thinking, choose appropriate strategies and apply their skills to a range of problems.

Subject	Topic
Science	Earth and Space - The topic will explore the solar system and its planets. The children will learn and name key characteristics of a planet, the order of the planets from the sun and study the heliocentric model of the solar system. We will also focus on the Earth's day and night rotation, the movement of the moon and design a planet using the knowledge gained throughout the topic.
History	Ancient Greece - This term we are focusing upon Ancient Greece in History. We will study Greek life and achievements and their influence on the western world. The topic looks at who the Greeks were, their belief system, Greek mythology, what democracy looked like in Ancient Greece and how they influenced, sport, arts and culture.
Art	Typography and Maps - We will be researching and understanding how typography can be used creatively to communicate thoughts and ideas. The children will create their own typeface inspired by their own interests then apply new typography and powerful drawing skills to make a visual map.

Religious Education

This term in RE, Year 5 will be exploring the theme of '**Living a Good and Happy Life**' through key stories and teachings from the Bible. The children will learn about God's covenants with figures such as Abraham and Moses, including the story of Moses and the Ten Commandments. They will explore how the commandments can guide people to make positive choices and how they link to Jesus' teaching to **love God and love our neighbour**. We will also discuss the meaning of sin, forgiveness and virtues, considering how our choices, habits and actions can help us to become better neighbours and contribute to the common good.

Physical Education

PE is on a **Tuesday** and a **Thursday** and this half term we will be focusing on Basketball and invasion games. Please make sure that your child has the correct PE kit; black trainers or pumps, yellow t-shirt and has both joggers and shorts for indoor/outdoor PE.

Computing

Computing this half term, we will be focusing on online safety through Project Evolve. The children will be learning about how to manage online information safely, self-image and identity.

Home Learning and Other Relevant Information

- We will be visiting the library every week on a Tuesday.
- Please write in the planner when your child has read at home.
- Discuss your child's learning and topic work and what books we have been reading.
- Your child will need his / her planner everyday so that we are able to keep in contact and it will be signed every Tuesday.
- Use our website—<https://www.stannesrc.co.uk/> to find other links which can support your child's learning.
- Please ensure your child has a suitable waterproof coat with them every day as the children do play and learn outside in all weathers.
- Please let a member of staff know in advance of any appointments so that they can be put in the register.
- Please encourage your children to be organised, read regularly at home, practice their spellings and times tables, complete their homework and take pride in their education.