

# Year 5 Autumn Term 2



Welcome to Autumn Term 2. Here are all the exciting learning experiences the children will be taking part in over the course of this term. We look forward to hearing all about the out of school learning experiences your child takes part in too.

## PE

This term, we will be focusing on improving our fitness levels. This will include some aerobics, as well as focusing on jumping with well balanced landings. In our outdoor lessons, we will be developing our football skills.

## PSHE

In this term's JIGSAW puzzle, the children will be studying the topic 'Celebrating Difference'. This will include looking at our first impressions of people and why we shouldn't make assumptions. We will also focus on how we are unique and study some bullying situations.

## English

This term, we will be developing our reading skills of making inferences. We will also be learning about text structures. In writing, we will be focusing on warning stories. We will examine the structure and features of this text type and practise these techniques before writing our own warning story. We will be continuing this term's class reader: 'The Light Jar' by Lisa Thompson.

## Maths



This term, we will be covering the following areas:

Addition & Subtraction  
Graphs and Tables  
Multiplication & Division  
Area and Perimeter

We will also be focusing on our times tables.

## Music

In Music this term, the children will be listening and appraising a number of different musical genres, explaining their preferences. The children will also be focusing on some composition techniques.

## Computing

This term, our focus will be on spreadsheets. We will be learning how to use formulae for calculating area and perimeter of shapes as well as converting measurements of length and distance. We will also be using spreadsheets to create line graphs.

## Science

In Science this half term, we will be focusing on electricity. We will be learning about appliances that run on electricity. We will also be constructing simple circuits and identifying whether a lamp will light or not. The children will then be using their circuits to investigate electrical conductors and insulators.

## Topic

This term, the children will be continuing to study the Ancient Egyptians.

This will include:

- studying what life was like for both the rich and the poor;
- finding out about King Tutankhamun and the discovery of his burial place;
- researching all about one of their biggest achievements - the pyramids;

We will also be holding our own 'Egyptian Day' at school on Tuesday 24th November, where we would love to see the children come dressed as an Ancient Egyptian.

## RE

In RE, we will be continuing our topic on Islam. We will explain the practices and lifestyles involved in belonging to the Islamic faith and how these compare to other faiths. Prior to Christmas, we will also study the relevance of Advent.

### Our School Values

This year, we are continuing to focus on our school values. These are based on our Commando Joe missions, which your children will be able to tell you all about.

The values we will be covering throughout these missions are:

We will be choosing children throughout the year who demonstrate these values. However, for our Algo Award Ceremony this term, we will be celebrating the child in each class who has shown the most 'Empathy'.



## Homework

Children in Year 5 will be set **COMPULSORY** homework each week of **regular reading**, as well as independent online learning on Spelling Shed/Maths Shed/Pixl Times Tables/Purple Mash.

However if your child would like to develop their learning further, they could choose a task from the Mission Home Learning Tasks which can be found on the school website.

**The Mission Home Learning Tasks are OPTIONAL.**

However, it is an opportunity for them to produce something special, while extending their skills and knowledge.

Children can choose projects from the Mission Home Learning Tasks to complete at home, and we would love to be able to share photos of what they produce with their class. Unfortunately, due to Covid safety guidelines, we cannot allow the children to bring in the actual product, so please photograph any Home Learning Tasks they complete, and upload a digital picture into their Purple Mash Folder.

They can choose as many as they would like. We recommend they spread them out over the term. They will be awarded dojos for any Mission homework that we receive photos of.

**Parents/Carers** – Homework is an important part of your child's academic learning. Please support your child with their homework by helping them, sitting with them and showing an interest in what they have been learning.

If you have any questions or queries about this, please see your child's class teacher.

**Thank you for your continued support.**