

# Year 5 Half-Termly Newsletter

## Autumn 1

Welcome back to school! We hope you have all had a relaxing summer. This newsletter will provide key information of what your child will be learning this half term.

### What are we learning this half term?

#### **Composition**

This half term, we are reading *Voices in the Park*. We will be revisiting simple, compound and complex sentences as well as knowing how to identify and write prepositional phrases and expanded noun phrases.

#### **Maths**

Our first focus will be place value followed by arithmetic using formal methods of calculation for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

#### **Topic**

This half term, we are studying **history**. We will be learning about Mount Vesuvius and the destruction of Pompeii and what life was like in a Roman city. Our **RE** topic for the half term is Inspirational Leaders where we will be learning about people such as Rosa Parkes and William Booth.

#### **Science**

In science, we are going to be learning about Rocks and Caves. We are going to compare the properties of igneous, metamorphic and sedimentary rocks as well learning about how stalagmites and stalactites are formed.

#### **Art**

To link with our topic and science units, we are going to be learning about and exploring Roman pottery which will lead into us making our own pots.

Our **P.E.** days this half term are **Mondays** for dance and **Friday** for game specific subjects (subject to change with the weather).

### Home Learning

At home, the children are expected to read their school book at least **3-5 times weekly**. This needs to be recorded in their home school diary and initialled by an adult.

Spellings will be given out on a weekly basis with a test through dictation each week. Spellings should be practised at home to prepare for this.

Children may also be given a piece of composition homework.

### Class Dojo

Please keep an eye out on Class Dojo as most communications will be through there as opposed to letters. Please also note that messages are only delivered between 8am and 4:30 pm so if messaging later or earlier, we will not see them until between those hours.

