



# Year 5 Newsletter

*We discover and realise the genius in everyone!*



**5AR acting out scenarios in PSHE**

## Dear Parents...

We are really looking forward to continuing our learning journey this half term. We will be learning about some fascinating topics and hope that the children will share this exciting learning with you through discussions at home.

*Miss Robertson, Mr Corrish, Miss Bayoh and Mrs Newman.*

## TOPIC FOCUS: ANGLO SAXONS

During this half term, we will learn about the Anglo-Saxons. As part of our topic work, we will learn about the push and pull factors that caused the Anglo-Saxons to settle in Britain. We will evaluate a range of historical sources and what they tell us about what life was like for various groups in society. In science, we are continuing with our learning on forces from Autumn 2 where we will learn about simple mechanisms such as pulleys, levers and gears and take part in practical lessons to explore how they work. As part of our Computing Curriculum, we will continue our strong access on programming and coding using Lego WeDo projects. We will design, write and debug programs to achieve specific goals.

## IMPORTANT DATES

### 1st - 6th March

Book fair in KS1 playground at Thamesmead and Royal Arsenal

### 5th March

Parent coffee morning at Royal Arsenal Campus

### 7th March

World Book Day and fancy dress day

### 12th March

Parent coffee morning at Thamesmead Campus

### 15th March

Red Nose Day (Wear your own clothes day)

### 20th & 21st March

Parents evenings

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

All children must bring their PE kits to school every Monday and take them home on Friday. Please ensure your child has trainers in their PE kit.

This term 5HB will be swimming on a Thursday morning and 5NN will be swimming on a Friday morning. Each child must remember their swimming costume along with a towel. Goggles are not required. No balms/creams.

## English

This half term, we will read the Middler by Kirsty Applebaum. As part of our learning, we will write a letter of advice and a recount in role as the main character, Maggie. We will also use descriptive language and speech to create our very own ending to the story from a different character's point of view. There will also be emphasis on the use of variety of sentence length, including multi senses, to make our narrative more engaging for the reader.



**Chicks in 5RC**

## Maths

This half term, we will be deepening our understanding of decimals and percentages and linking them to our knowledge of fractions. We will also be developing a variety of problem solving skills through word problems and investigations. It is imperative that all children are able to record timetables and related facts. Please practice these regularly with your child. They should be practising all the tables up to  $12 \times 12$ .

### ONLINE SAFETY

Please remind your children of e-safety whenever they use the internet and other electronic devices such as mobile phones. We encourage you to regularly monitor their use and ensure parental controls are in place.

## HOME LEARNING

**Project Homework:** Children will have their homework sent out electronically on Showbie with a due date for each piece of home learning. Homework should be sent back through photographs via Showbie and children are also encouraged to bring it into school.

**Spelling:** Spellings must be practised often. Please encourage your child to use the new online platform - Spelling Shed - to practise their spellings. A paper copy will also go home weekly. Spellings will be tested weekly.

**Times Table Rock Stars:** Please continue to encourage your child to practise their times tables through the use of Times Table Rock Stars! We are really working on improving the children's speed and accuracy in their times tables so we encourage all children to spend 10 minutes a day on this at home.

**Reading:** In addition, your child should practise reading every day and record this in their Reading Champions book. The children will go home with both their book banded book and a novel of their choice. Your child also has access to the e-library called SORA. They can log in using their Showbie log in details to read e-books online from home.



**P.E. in Year 5**