

# Year 5 Newsletter - Pentecost Term 1

Welcome back! I hope you all had a relaxing Easter Break. As always, if you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's happiness and education please feel free to contact me via Dojo, speak to me in the play-ground before or after school or call the school office to arrange a phone call.

Many thanks

Mrs Fraser



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## English

### Writing

This half term our writing will be based around North America. We will be writing retelling traditional tales, writing biographies and letters—hopefully to children in a school in the USA.

### Grammar

In grammar will be looking at commas in lists, adverbials and clauses, commas to avoid ambiguity, pronouns to avoid repetition, relative clauses and adverbials.

### Spelling

Spelling tests will continue with the spellings attached. This has also been posted on the website if you need another copy.

### Reading

Guided reading will take place twice a week with the first session looking discretely at the skills they need to become a reflective and competent reader and the second session using the skills they have learnt to complete comprehensions, this term we will be reading 'Wonder' by R.J. Palacio in guided reading.

Reading books will be sent home, it is expected that your child reads regularly, to and adult, even if they are a competent reader and this is recorded in their reading record book. We will also visit the school library, where your child can select a book to read for pleasure, on Friday mornings. If your child wishes to change their library book please ensure it is in school on this day.

## Maths

We will be focusing on shape, position and direction and building on our decimal knowledge this half term.

Weekly mental maths test will continue on a Friday. I also ask that you keep revising those times tables, they will be very useful!

### Science

Our Science unit is Living things and their habitats. We will describe the differences in life cycles of a mammal, an amphibian, and insect and a bird and describe the life process of reproduction in some plants and animals.

### Computing

**3D modelling—Sketch up—** We will be learning how to select, use and combine a variety of software to design and create a range of programs to accomplish a given goal.

### Art and D/T

Draw/paint a USA/North American monument.  
USA food tasting.

### PSHE

**Money Matters** - look into enterprise skills and the concept of loans, tax and debt.

### French

**Les jeux Olympiques (The Olympics)** - To understand vocabulary about the ancient and current Olympic sports and say which sports they do and do not like.

### Music

**Digital music technology** - use voice, sounds, technology and instruments in creative ways and identify key features of musical structure.

### RE

**Transformation** - Christians believe that the Spirit of God is active in each person and that the work of the Spirit enables people to hear God's message. Pentecost is a celebration of the Gift of God's Spirit and its transforming power.

**Other Faiths -Islam** - Muslims follow the religion of Islam. This half term, we will spend sometime to understand more about the Islamic religion to strengthen our respect for people of other faiths.

**Freedom and Responsibility** - Christians believe that God has given each person the free will and power to choose.

### Geography

**North America—**We will locate the North American countries, concentrating on their environmental regions and key physical and human characteristics. We will identify its position looking at longitude, latitude. We will also Locate the USA states and major cities.

### PE

PE will take place on a Tuesday and Wednesday, please make sure full PE kit is in school on these days and earrings can be removed.

**Invasion and Target Games** - This session will be taught by the PE coach. Tag Rugby focus.

**Dance** - To perform basic dance actions with increased control; to explore and improvise ideas, on their own, with a partner and in a group.

### Dates for the diary

**Monday 24th April** - Henry VIII visit in school

**Thursday 27th April** - Good News Mass - 9.30am at Church

**Monday 1st May** - Bank Holiday

**Friday 5th May** - May service - 9.30am at Church

**Monday 8th May** - Bank Holiday

**Thursday 18th May** - Ascension Mass - 9.30am at Church

