

# Year 5 Newsletter - Pentecost Term 1

Welcome back! I hope you all had a relaxing Easter Break. This is a short but busy half term.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's happiness and education please feel free to speak to me in the playground before or after school .

Many thanks

Mrs Fraser



## English

### Writing

This half term our writing will be based around the book, 'Firebird'. We will be writing letters, character descriptions and a fairy tale narrative. Our guided reading sessions will also be planned around this book.

### Grammar

In grammar will be consolidating our learning and making sure it is used correctly in writing.

### 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 a the skills needed to become a reflective and competent reader and the second session using the skills they have learnt to complete comprehensions.

Reading books will be sent home, it is expected that your child reads a minimum of three times a week and this is signed by an adult, even if they are a competent reader. This will be checked on Wednesday mornings. 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 plotting and reading co-ordinates 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

**Scratch** - Continue to learn how to design, write and debug programmes to accomplish a specific goal and use logical reasoning to explain simple algorithms.

### Art and D/T

We will have a DT focus this half term, resulting in backing Focaccia.

### PSHE

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

**Being responsible** - Human rights, rights and responsibilities.

### 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 - Sikhism** - This half term, we will spend sometime to understand more about the Sikh religion to strengthen our respect for people of other faiths.

### 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 Wednesday and Thursday, please make sure full PE kit is in school on these days and earrings can be removed.

**Cricket** - This session will be taught by the PE coach. The focus is to develop understanding of striking and fielding.

**Badminton** - To develop understanding of net and wall games.

### Dates for the diary

**Friday 2nd May** - May Service—Church

**Monday 5th May** - Bank Holiday

**Friday 23rd May** - Close for Half Term

