



# Year Five Newsletter

## Spring One 2024

### Curriculum Overview

#### Book Focus:

This half term we are continuing with reading as a class *The Song from Somewhere Else* by A. F. Harrold and Levi Pinfold.

#### English:

In English we are learning to take notes, how to present our research and writing a story with a moral purpose, powerful speeches for change and biographies based on *Mama Miti by Donna Jo Napoli*. We will also be covering SPaG (spelling, punctuation and grammar) and hand writing throughout our English lessons. Our reading skill development will be based around our science and topic texts along with vocabulary development.

#### Maths:

In Maths we will be learning multiplication and division, fractions, decimals and percentages.

#### Science:

Our science topic this half term is Properties and changes of Materials.

#### Geography:

We are focusing on Asia - mountains, volcanoes and earthquakes

**Art:** Collage: Painting and mixed media: Portraits

**Music:** Make you feel my love

**PE:** Gymnastics/swimming

**Computing:** Online Safety Data Handling

**PSHE:** Healthy Me

**RE:** What can we learn about the world/ knowledge/ meaning of life from the great philosophers?

**MFL:** Vocabulary and sentences around 'Shopping in France'

### PE

Year 5 PE days will be on swimming on **Thursdays** and PE on **Tuesdays**. Your child will need to bring the correct PE kit to school on a **Tuesday**. We will be inside for gymnastics this half term. On **Thursdays** please make sure your child comes to school with their swimming costume worn underneath their school uniform. Please also ensure they bring an extra bag for their wet swimming kit after the lesson.

### Homework

Each weeks, your child will be learning:

- Spellings
- Times tables
- Bringing home a reading book

These need to be practised daily.

In addition to this, there will be a half termly homework set on Google Classroom. This will be related to our science/geography unit.

### Reminders:

- Reading books need to be brought into school **every day** as we will be using them at 8.40am for individual readers
- Your child will need to bring a **waterproof coat** with them to school each day.
- Please make sure your child has a **water bottle** with them every day containing only water.

**Contact us:** If you have any questions or queries regarding your child, don't hesitate to speak to us at the end of the day, or make an appointment at the office.

**Thank you** from Mrs Diane Steer and Mr Dan Oxbury



"They will soar on wings like eagles"