

## Year 5 Autumn Newsletter

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Year 5! I am really looking forward to working with the children this year and I am sure that they will be excited to get their teeth into some of our new topics!

### Topics/Themes in Year 5

In RE this term we will be studying the themes of: Domestic Church (Family) with a focus on Ourselves, Baptism and Confirmation (Belonging) focusing on Life Choices and Advent/Christmas (Loving) with a focus on the idea of Hope. The children will also spend a week studying Judaism. Within each theme, we will have a 'Big Question' to consider. They will be:

Ourselves: Who am I?

Life Choices: Is commitment important?

Hope: What does it mean to live in hope?

It would be great if you could discuss these questions with your child as we work through our units.



We have lots of other exciting topics this term. The children will start the term learning about 'A Kingdom United'. Within this topic, we will look at the United Kingdom and famous landmarks to begin before moving on to look at the historic origins of England, particularly in the Anglo-Saxon times. I am hoping that some students from the University of Leicester are going to join us to help us with this topic. Our Literacy work will focus on persuasive texts and myths and legends.

Later in the term, our topic will be based on 'Food, Glorious, Food'. This topic will have a heavy focus on Science and DT. The children will be investigating where our food comes from as well as designing and making their own meals. Warburtons will also be visiting us in November to help us investigate bread, including making some of our own. This is a great opportunity for the children and is free of charge! Our Literacy work will focus on historical stories, narrative poetry and playscripts.

If your children would like to do any additional work at home on these topics, they are more than welcome to bring it into school to share with the class or possibly have it added to our displays.

Initially, we will be having PE on a Thursday afternoon. Your child will need their PE kit in school at all times. They will need suitable clothing for all outdoor weather.

### Homework



Reading is a really important focus for the school and we will be encouraging the children to read as widely and often as possible. For your child to make good progress in reading, they will need to read daily at home with adult support. This could be through listening to them read or reading more difficult texts to them. All reading done at home needs to be recorded in the Pupil Organiser. This will be monitored throughout each week.

Your child needs their reading book in school each day and they will be changed regularly. If your child is reading a book at home and wants to have that as their reading book, by all means do so but also make sure it is in school every day.

The children will have a Homework book which will come home weekly. Homework will be given out on a Friday and the homework book must be returned to school by the following Thursday. Spellings and times tables will be tested weekly. Spellings will be recorded in the Pupil Organisers. As part of our maths lessons, the children will also complete weekly mental maths tests.



### Communication

Please don't hesitate to come and talk to me about any of the above or any other concerns you may have about your child, the earlier the better! I am available at the end of every day. If you wish to make an appointment to see me, please tell the TA on duty in the morning and I will arrange to see you as soon as possible.

I am looking forward to an exciting year and I would like to thank you for your support.

Mrs Boyd