

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Welcome back to Term 6! We cannot quite believe how quickly it has arrived! It's going to be a busy term and we have lots of exciting learning planned for the children.

Our P.E. days will continue to be on a Tuesday and Friday. Bold As music lessons continue for all children on Tuesdays – please remind the children to bring in their instrument every Tuesday.

A gentle reminder that the children are expected to read at home for 20 minutes at least 5 times a week. As the children are now in Year 5, they can record their page numbers themselves but please can you sign it to indicate that they have read. Please ensure that your child brings in their reading book and reading record every day. Spelling homework continues to be given out every Friday. The children can practise their spellings in a number of ways including accessing Spelling Shed to play games, which are linked to the spelling rule/pattern of that week.

Kind regards,

Mrs. Gann, Miss Seager and Mrs. Barber.

### English

We will begin this term by completing our fair-trade persuasive letter writing.

We will read and analyse the poem The Highway Man, and then study the novel 'Journey to Jo'burg' by Beverley Naidoo.

We will continue to develop our knowledge and understanding of grammar, punctuation and spelling strategies as well as developing our reading and comprehension skills.

### Science

Last term we successfully hatched 5 chicks and began to learn about the life cycles of different animals. In term 6, we will take this learning further by developing our understanding of reproduction in animals including humans and how this is vital to the survival of species.

We will also learn about how offspring may resemble features of their parents.

### PE

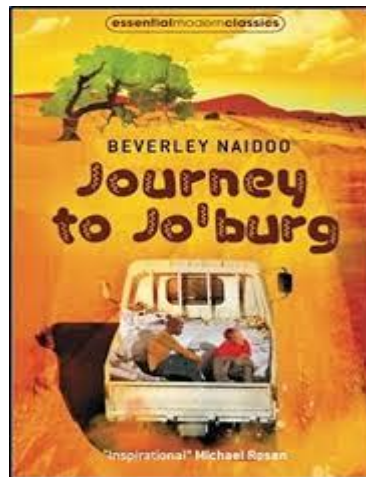
This term we will be developing our throwing, jumping and running in athletics and developing our basketball skills.

### French

We will explore and learn vocabulary linked to the Romans.

## Year 5

### Elephants Class



### RE

In RE, children will continue our two term topic exploring what it is like to be a Muslim in Britain today.

### PSHE

This term we will be focusing on the topic of 'Changing Me'. We will continue to develop our concept of positive self-image and self-confidence as we learn about the changes that our body, mind and relationships may go through during puberty. Our Term 6 PSHE and Science topics are closely linked.

### Maths

We will start the term extending our knowledge and understanding of decimals and calculating with these.

This will be followed by work on negative numbers including real-life contexts with temperatures.

We will then work on converting units of measurement for length, mass and capacity with plenty of reasoning and problem solving.

Our final maths unit is on volume.

### Design Technology

In D.T. we will extend our understanding of healthy eating by adapting recipes to make them healthier.

### Computing

In our computing lessons, we will learn about the Mars Rover and how communication of information can be effective over huge distances using binary code.

### Art

In art we will study Mexican art through learning about the artist Frida Kahlo and exploring 'alebrijes' (imaginary creatures). The children will design and make their own alebrije.