

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back, we hope you had a lovely break. Please see below for a few updates:

Our PE days will continue to be Mondays and Fridays, children should wear a plain black or navy tracksuit/shorts and their team coloured t-shirt. **Please ensure all long hair is tied up every day.** Homework will be sent home on Fridays, please ensure homework folders are back in school by the following Wednesday. Homework will continue to consist of spellings that will be tested on a Friday and also a maths task, which will continue to be set on **Atom Learning**.

**Reading books** should also be read daily for a minimum of **20 minutes**, although quizzes are no longer an expectation, children can access them at home if they so wish. Now that they are in year 5, children can record their own reading through the week and talk through their reading with an adult once a week, who can note this in their reading record.

Thank you for your support,

Miss Mann, Mr. Marsh, Mrs. Platts and Mrs. Westfield

### English

Our focus text this term will be Dracula's Whitby. We will be combining a short film with extracts of Dracula by Bram Stoker.

We will be focussing on descriptive writing of a gothic nature; thinking about expanded noun phrases, fronted adverbials, figurative language and describing emotions and feelings rather than telling them

### RE

In RE this term we will be thinking about the question "Who should get to be in charge?" We will be learning about religious laws, leaders and how they came to be in charge.

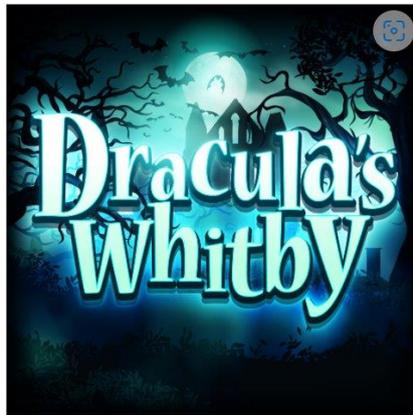
### DT

This term the children will be designing and creating bridges. They will learn to design a stable structure that is able to support weight. Creating a frame structure with focus on triangulation.

### PE

In Kwik Cricket this term the children will learn how to throw, catch and retrieve the ball accurately; bat and bowl and understand the rules of Kwik Cricket. We will also learn how to build trust and develop relationships in team building exercises.

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### PSHE

This term our topic is: Relationships.

We will be learning about how to stay safe within online communities; understand how our actions can have positive and negative impacts online; the rights and responsibilities of playing a game online; understand how their health can be affected by too much screen time; recognise and resist pressures to use technology in ways that may be risky or cause harm to themselves and others.

### Maths

In Maths this term, we are learning how to calculate the perimeter and area of rectangles, polygons and compound shapes. We will then learn how to draw, read and interpret line graphs in statistics.

### History

We will be revisiting the Tudors this term in history. Focusing on using primary and secondary sources to better understand Henry VIII, his wives- specifically Anne Boleyn, and the impact of Elizabeth I.

We will use inventories to examine Tudor life and look into John Blanke and the spectacular Westminster Tournament Roll.

### Science

In science this term we will be learning about living things and their habitats, specifically life cycles.

We will hopefully be hosting chicks from a local farm. Please see letter to follow about this.

### Music

The children will be learning to play a brass instrument with the Bold As! Brass musical company once a week for the rest of the year.