

Dear Parents and Carers,

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

Our PE days will be on **Tuesdays and Thursdays** this term. Children should wear a plain black or navy tracksuit and their team coloured t-shirt. **Please ensure all long hair is tied up every day.** Homework will be sent home on Fridays. Please make sure homework folders are back in school by the following Thursday. Homework will continue to consist of spellings to be learnt at home, but these will no longer be tested at school. Please use **Atom Learning** to access maths tasks, linked to class topics, to be completed over the term.

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, Miss Drummond, Miss Burnley, Ms. Seager and Miss Fox

English

Our focus text this term will be a persuasive letter written to Deal Town Council. This topic will link with our Geography this term – Oceans. The children will explore the reasons behind the cancellation of the Boxing Day Dip and research solutions to combat this happening again, culminating in a persuasive letter to our local council members. The second half of our term will look at the poem, The Highway Man, where we will be learning how to summarise the stanzas.

RE

We will be continuing to learn about different religions' beliefs around death and afterlife, with a particular focus on Buddhism.

Please see the specific letter about this sensitive topic sent in Term 3.

Computing

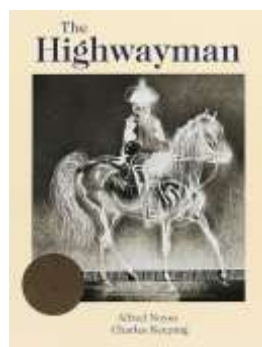
This term the children will be learning about data handling and binary coding via interpreting data from the Mars Rover.

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.

Year 5

Term 4



Maths

In Maths this term, we are learning how to calculate decimals and percentages; find and calculate the perimeter and area of shapes and how to read and interpret graphs and tables.

Geography

In Geography this term we will be exploring the question - *why do your oceans matter?* The children will locate and describe the significance of the Great Barrier Reef; explain the impact humans have on coral reefs and oceans; plan a fieldwork enquiry; collect data on the types of litter polluting a marine environment and present their findings.

Science

In Science this term we will be learning about forces. The children will explore and experiment with gravity, air resistance, water resistance and friction.

PSHE

This term our topic is Healthy Me. The children will develop their understanding of the effects that smoking and alcohol can have on your body. They will look into how the media can affect body image; know how to put into practice basic emergency procedures; explore different relationships with food and know what makes a healthy diet.

PE

In PE this term, we are lucky enough to have Team Theme coaching the children in tennis and cricket. In tennis, they will learn backhand and forehand, volley and serving skills, progressing to matches. In cricket, they will learn how to bat, bowl and field, progressing to matches.