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Year 5 Newsletter - Term 1

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Welcome to Year 5 and our newsletter for Term 1. We are so excited to begin working together to support the children's academic and personal growth over this next year. Year 5 is traditionally a year full of development and change and we are eager to begin the adventure. Whilst belonging to their class community remains central, children will have the opportunity to work with other adults across the year group.

Reading

Reading is at the heart of everything that we do here at Kingsnorth. Although we no longer do AR sessions in school, children we still be completing a STAR test to provide them with a range to support them when choosing what books to read in the library. During our Shared Reading lessons, we will be looking at poet Matt Goodfellow's book 'Let's Chase Stars Together' and diving deep into a wide range of his poetry. The children will also have the opportunity to perform some of his poetry.

Maths

Maths is changing this year, we will no longer be using 'White Rose Maths' as we are moving onto a scheme from 'Oak Academy'. Our Learning Objectives will be similar although we are now focusing on children using mathematical vocabulary and explaining processes and equations. There will also be more extensive Maths discussion. We will explain more on this at the meeting for parents on Wednesday 10th September.

Science

This term, the children will use their knowledge of states of matter from Year 4 to explore properties and changes of materials. They will discover how materials may be separated as well compare and group everyday materials based on their properties. It is a very hands on unit!

Religious Education

We begin our Year 5 RE by investigating the question 'Can God be both loving and holy?' This topic enables children to explore some characteristics of God and what we and Christians consider to be important. There are opportunities for discussion and creativity as well as more traditional writing.

Dates to remember:

10.09.25 – Meet the Teacher – 3.15
26.09.25-01.10.25 – Book Fair
01.10.25 – Individual school photos
10.10.25 – PFA school Disco
14.10.25 – Flu vaccinations
15.10.25 – Parent Consultations
16.10.25 – Parent Consultations
17.10.25 – Last day of term

As usual, if you have any questions or queries, please ask any of the Year 5 staff team and we will be very pleased to help you. Our email address is:

year5@kingsnorth.kent.sch.uk

Writing

We will be starting the year with our Welcome Project which will support the children with their personalized projects which they will have time to work on everyday. Following this, we will then be having a go at writing our own poetry, which is supported by the texts we are looking at during Shared Reading sessions.

As always, we would like to highlight that children need to be learning key weekly spellings and ensure their handwriting is the best it can be. Weekly spellings have been set on Spelling Shed. Please speak to us if you need support with this.

Physical Education

Our 'PE Days' are on a Tuesday and Thursday. This year, children can come to school in PE kits. Throughout this term, we will be developing our tennis and cricket skills and are lucky enough to be having a specialised cricket coach come in to deliver their first session.

History

During this term's Geography unit, the children will be studying Rivers. They will identify key features as well as thinking about who lives near them and why. Children will consider human and physical features and how rivers have impacted our local area.