

## Term 3 Year 5 Parent Overview

We hope you all have had a wonderful Christmas break. Homework: We will continue to send home homework on a Tuesday and it will need to be handed in on a Monday. This will include spellings, Tough Tens and a reading comprehension sheet. Children that do not complete their homework will join Homework club on a Monday lunchtime where they will have support from a teacher. The children should continue to read at least 3 times a week and need to record this in their reading diaries. Reading diaries are checked every Friday. The children read most days in school, so please ensure their reading book and diary is in their bag every day. PE: We will have PE on a Tuesday and a Friday this term, so your child should come to school wearing their kit every Tuesday and Friday. We will be taking part in Countryside Skills lessons for two weeks this term. Your child will come home with a letter about this.

Thank you, Mrs Bainbridge, Mrs Brooke, Mr Ponting & Mrs Smith.

<b>English</b> 	Our 'Talk For Writing' text this term is a fictional recount called 'Top Cat'. We will begin by learning this recount using our own actions and will then go on to look at the features of the text. We will then go on to use this text and its features to help us to write our own fictional recounts. We will also continue to focus on handwriting this term.	<b>Maths</b> 	This term in Maths we begin with our unit on fractions. We will look at finding equivalent fractions, convert improper fractions to mixed numbers and vice versa and compare given fractions. We will then move on with a multiplication and division unit. We will learn different methods to help us learn to multiply and divide and then go on to use these methods to solve problems.
<b>Science</b> 	This term our topic is 'Materials and their properties'. Throughout the term we will be testing a range of materials and exploring their properties to answer the following questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Which material will make the best rain jacket?</li><li>- Are only fabrics absorbent?</li><li>- Do all stretchy materials stretch in the same way?</li><li>- Which material would keep my drink the hottest for the longest?</li><li>- Which material is best for food preparation?</li></ul>	<b>Geography</b> 	Our Geography topic this term is Rivers. During this topic we will be answering the following key questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- What is the water cycle?</li><li>- What is the journey of a river?</li><li>- Why does flooding occur?</li><li>- What are the physical characteristics of the River Severn?</li><li>- How are waterfalls formed?</li></ul> We will also learn the water cycle rap and link our dance unit.

<b>RE</b> 	<p>Our focus in RE this term is Christianity and our key question is 'Why might the belief that Jesus 'saved' people be so important for many Christians today?' During this topic we will be learning about the resurrection of Jesus and thinking about how the Christian belief in resurrection and life after death makes a difference in their lives.</p>	<b>Computing</b> 	<p>In computing this term, we will be using a website called Tinkercad to design our own 3D avatars. The children will design an avatar either based on themselves or a fictional person. First, they will create a detailed list of adjectives describing the avatar's physical traits. Next, they will draw a 2D sketch of their avatar design and measure the dimensions. And then finally, they create their design in 3D using Tinkercad</p>
<b>Wellbeing</b> 	<p>Our new topic will then be on 'Keeping Safe' and will cover online safety, peer pressure and health dangers such as vaping and smoking. If you would like to view our lesson resources on these subjects, please don't hesitate to contact us.</p>		
<b>PE</b> 	<p>PE this term will be on a Tuesday and a Friday. We will be playing Tennis outside on a Friday. We will learn the basics of tennis including forehand, backhand, serving and volley. On a Tuesday, in the hall, we will be doing Dance linked to our Geography topic rivers. During the term we will be taught by Mrs Watson and perform a dance in the final week.</p>	<b>Music</b> 	<p>This term we will be learning the clarinet. We will have a clarinet teacher join us and teach the whole class how to play the instrument. We are very excited about this opportunity and we are sure the children will love learning a new instrument.</p>