



Dear Parents/Carers and children,

Welcome back from Easter! We hope you all had a fantastic break and are feeling refreshed and ready for an exciting final term!

## **General Overview of the Term's Learning**

Here's a brief overview of what to expect this term in Year 5:

- **English:** We will focus on finishing our learning on biographies, poetry (about issues), mythical texts through the text 'Hercules' and looking at non-chronological reports. Our class texts for VIPERS will start with 'The Lion, Witch and the Wardrobe', with a range of non-fiction being read twice a week.
- **Maths:** This term's maths curriculum will include perimeter and area, shape, position and direction, decimals, negative numbers, converting units and volume.
- **Science:** Students will explore evolution – beginning with our great trip to Eden!
- **History/Geography:** Our lessons will focus on The Trojan Horse and Mountains.
- **Art/DT:** This term will be exploring architecture and making pop-up books.
- **Music:** Our lessons will be focussed on Creative Composition.
- **PE:** In PE, we will be learning skills in badminton, cricket, volleyball and athletics. As well as Flora Day!
- **Computing:** This term will focus on internet safety, stop-motion animation and Mars Rover 2 (digital images and files).
- **RE:** In RE we will learn about Christianity (What do Christians believe Jesus did to save people?) and Humanism (What matters most to Humanists and Christians?)
- **Life skills:** This term will explore a world without judgement, first aid and the working world.
- **French:** The children will explore topics on At the tearoom and My home.

## **PE Day**

Physical activity is a vital part of our students' development. PE days for Year 5 will be on **Mondays and Wednesdays**. Please ensure your child comes to school in their PE kit on these days, ready to participate in a variety of sports and fitness activities. On all other days children should be wearing school uniform (not hoodies) and school shoes please.

## **Home learning**

Reading remains the key priority for our home learning, and we expect children to read for 20 minutes, at least 5 days a week. In response to listening to the children's thoughts and opinions on our reading diary approach, we are trialling removing them for this half-term for years 4,5 and 6. In their place will be class-based 'Book Club' discussions where teachers and pupils will spend time, at least once every fortnight, discussing their current school reading books. This will provide an opportunity not only for teachers to track children's reading habits without it being a chore for the children, but they will also ensure time is built into the busy week for children to chat informally about the books they are reading. The aim is that the Book Club sessions will be heavily led by the children: a time for children to swap book recommendations and share new authors they may have met on their reading journey. This approach will be reviewed at the end of this half-term, but if you have any queries, please either contact your class teacher or Mrs O'Kane through the school office.

We will be continuing to send home weekly spellings for children to practice, which will be tested weekly. We encourage children to use their home log ins for Times Tables Rock Stars, Maths Whizz and Ed Shed to continue their learning at home.

## **Healthy Snacks and Hydration**

We strongly encourage children to bring healthy snacks for break time that will keep them energised and focused throughout the school day. In addition, it is important that children bring a water bottle to school each day. We kindly request that only water is provided in these bottles. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out, or get in contact with the school office.

Kind regards,

Mrs Williamson (Zennor) and Mrs Hamshar (Sennen)  
Year 5 teachers