

# Life in All its Fullness - Come and See



## Year 5

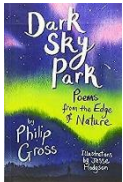
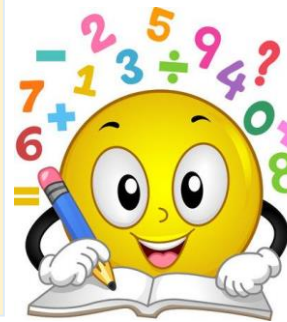
## Autumn 2024 Newsletter



Welcome to a new year and to Year 5. We have lots planned and cannot wait to start our learning journey together. This term, Mrs Cole will be teaching all day Monday, all day Tuesday and Wednesday morning. Mrs Campbell will teach Wednesday afternoon and all day Thursday and Friday. Mrs Daniell and Ms O'Neill will also be ably supporting the class throughout the week.

### Maths

This term, we will be exploring place value up to the millions and including decimals and negative numbers. We will also investigate and strengthen our mental methods in multiplying and dividing numbers by 10, 100 and 1,000. After this, we will then move onto the properties of numbers, including identifying prime and composite numbers. We will continue to look at number after half term, before moving onto more formal methods of calculation. The children will also build on their previous understanding of fractions; how they can be compared, ordered, added and subtracted.



### English

We will kick off our English in September with a 'secret text'. The book will capture the imagination of the children and allow them to use their inference (detective) skills to deliberate and discuss characters and storylines, before the grand reveal. Through this text, we will also have a grammatical focus of modal verbs and adverbs of possibility. After half term, we will be exploring poems such as 'Night Walker' and 'Dark Sky Park', which celebrate nature at its finest. The children will learn how to use language to cause effect, such as metaphors, similes and alliteration. We will also be looking at how to use parenthesis to add additional information.

### Science

Over the next half term, the children's Science topic will focus on 'Forces'. The children will explore what a force is, the different types of forces that exist around us and how forces are used by different objects and inventions to help us in everyday life. In the second half term, the children will re-visit 'Materials'. We will use what the children have learned in previous years to explore the properties of materials, linking them to dissolving, separating and how to make reversible and irreversible changes.



### Geography/History

In the first half term, we will have a Geography focus on mapping. We will be looking at the world as a whole, and how places are identified and located using longitude and latitude. We will also explore how the world is divided into time zones and why.

After half term, our History focus, will be on the Anglo-Saxons. We will study who they were, where they came from, their settlements and how they lived their lives as a community. This will lead up to a study, later in the year, on the Viking invasions.

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## RE

Our focus in the first half term will be on the world faith, Islam and the Islamic holy book. The children will explore the big question 'What does the Qur'an reveal to Muslims about Allah and his guidance?' In the run up to Christmas, the focus will shift to Christianity asking the question 'Why is the Gospel such good news for Christians?'



## Art and DT

Art and DT will be alternated each half term. In the first part of the Autumn term, the children will create self-portraits using paint and mixed media to add texture and mood. In the second half term, the children will use their previous learning about electric motors and axles to design and make an electric 'doodler'.



## PE

This term, the children will have PE on a **Monday** and a **Thursday**. Please could the children come to school wearing their PE kit on these days. PE may be indoors or outdoors, so please ensure your child has a named jumper/hoody and jogging bottoms/leggings if it is cold.

This term, the units focus on Tennis, Tag Rugby and Athletics.



## Computing

As always, online safety will be a focus at the start of this term. The children will explore how to keep themselves safe when using different devices and how to deal with problems effectively if they should arise. We will then move onto 'Data Handling', looking at how information can be collected, presented and interpreted using different computer software.

## PSHE

In the first half term, children will learn about 'Being Me' - what makes them special and unique along with understanding their own rights and the rights of others. In the second half term, we will look at 'Celebrating Difference' and how it is important to look beyond our own experiences and be a courageous advocate against the discrimination of others.



## Music

At the start of the term, we will be exploring melody and harmony in music and asking 'how does music bring us together? After half term, we will singing and playing in different styles and asking how music connects us to the past? Lessons will also include us playing, improvising and composing.

## Further information

**Homework:** The focus of home learning this year is reading, spelling, timestables and division facts. Please see the attached document for further information on expectations around this. An additional **OPTIONAL** homework grid for this term is also available.

**Pick up:** In Year 5, the children may walk to and from school by themselves if they have permission. If you would like your child to walk independently, please complete the form and return to the office or class teacher. If someone else is collecting your child, please let the office or a member of Year 5 staff know in advance.

We are really looking forward to a wonderful term with you all.

Mrs Cole, Mrs Campbell, Ms O'Neill and Mrs Daniell

