

**Homework and Spellings:** There will be two pieces of homework set each week. Our Maths and Learning Log homework will be given out on a Friday and will be due in on a Wednesday. Occasionally, we may give out a piece of homework that lasts for a longer period, such as a mini-project. Spelling lists will also be sent home at the beginning of a half term and are to be practised each week. It is important that you take the time to learn the spellings as it will impact your English work. In addition to this, you will also have access to Times Tables Rockstars which you can continue to use at home on a weekly basis.

**Reading:** As always, reading is the cornerstone of all learning so we recommend that you read at home as much as possible (on your own or to an adult) and aim to change your book regularly. You will have access to our class's extensive range of fiction, poetry, plays, non-fiction books, magazines and newspapers as well as fantastic sets of group readers if you want to read the same book as your friend. In class we will undertake guided reading, quiet reading, shared reading, reading for pleasure and develop your comprehension skills fully each week. We will also have an on-going class story! So, let's get ready for a fantastic year ahead! We are so excited to be your teachers and can't wait to get started!

Mrs McDonnell and Mrs Higginson

**Things to remember:**

**PE kits** (black shorts/white t-shirt/trainers or pumps/tracksuit for colder weather)- **EVERYDAY** as we have PE twice a week and sometimes activities pop up!

**Reading books and records**—**EVERYDAY**

**Water bottles**—**EVERYDAY**

**Homework**—**WEDNESDAY**

Reading records will be checked on **Tuesdays** and **Fridays**



**Welcome back to your first term as Year 5:** Welcome back to school after the summer break. I hope you had a lovely, restful 6 weeks, and are ready to learn! Mrs Higginson will be teaching you on a Monday and Mrs McDonnell Tuesday to Friday! We will also have Miss Gibson to support us in the morning and Mrs Deakin will teach you one afternoon a week.

**English:** In English we will start by studying the beautifully illustrated story *Queen of the falls* by Chris Van Allsburg. Our primary focus will be reading and writing recounts and producing our own diaries from different viewpoints inspired by the characters in the book. After half term, we will move onto looking at traditional tales using another beautiful book as inspiration - Carol Ann Duffy's 'The Lost Happy Endings'. We will focus on exploring different characters' viewpoints and rewriting traditional tales in exciting ways. We will also read 'Goodnight Stories for Rebel Girls', and 'Hansel and Gretel' by Neil Gaiman in Reading sessions.

**Maths:** We will start the year focusing on place value of numbers up to 1 million, following which we will go onto study addition and subtraction. We will progress to looking at square, cube and prime numbers in multiplication and division, as well as finding out what happens to a number when we multiply/divide it by 10, 100 or 1,000. Finally, we will begin a unit on fractions, looking at adding, subtracting, comparing and ordering.

**History and Geography:** During our first half term, we will focus on the Americas. Our topic will be led by our English book- *Queen of the Falls* by Chris Van Allsburg. In our Geographical understanding of the America's we will focus on locational and place knowledge with a view to mapping out an adventure route for Annie the 'Queen' from our book. We will then go on to find out about Canada and the United States of America in particular, learning all about the Great Lakes, and comparing them to lakes near us in the Lake District.

**Science:** Within science, we will look at animals, including humans, with a specific focus on describing the developmental changes humans go through from birth to old age. **We will need some photographs of you as babies, toddlers, infants and now if you can collect them - thank you.**

**P4C:** In P4C, we will explore current world issues of family, human rights and conflict, as well as discussing how to be mentally healthy. We will also look at prejudice and racism throughout Black History month in October.

**French:** Through your French studies you will learn to talk about school, school subjects and give your opinions before moving onto looking at Time spent in a French city and winter celebrations.

**Music:** For the first half term we will be focusing on structure of music, temp and notation through Egyptian style music. The second half term we will move on to blues music looking at features of music, evaluating and notation.

**RE:** This term our focus is Islam. We will be revisiting the Five Pillars of Islam and looking at how faith is expressed through family life and community.

**DT:** In the second Autumn term, we will create a functional four-page pop-up storybook design, using lever, sliders, layers and spacers to create paper-based mechanisms.

**Art:** In the first Autumn term, we will be focusing on 3D sculpture using interactive installation to learn about the features of installation art and how it can communicate a message; exploring the work of Cai Guo-Qiang and discovering how our life experiences can inspire our art.

**PE:** PE lessons will be taught in the afternoon twice a week. It is best to bring your PE kit in everyday as sometimes other activities pop up - these can be taken home on a Friday to be washed. To start off, we will be practising our team building skills through outdoor adventurous activities! You will also do tag rugby in the afternoon with Mrs Deakin and our PE Coaches from S4YC.

**ICT:** In ICT we will be focusing on computer systems and networking focusing on developing understanding of digital devices, with an initial focus on inputs, processes, and outputs. We will then move on to creating media focusing on the use of devices and software to create videos.