



Class 5MC Spring Term 1

Happy New Year! The purpose of this newsletter is to inform you of the topics your child will be studying this half term.

The theme for this half term will be

'The Spanish Armada— Did the Spanish conquer the World?'

Homework

Homework will be set on Fridays and needs to be returned to school by the following Wednesday.

Spellings / Times Tables

Spellings and times table facts will be given out on a Monday. A short test will be carried out the following Friday.

Home Reading

Children will be given their reading books to take home on a daily basis. They should be encouraged to read a few pages every night. Please discuss with your child what they've read before signing their reading record.

Books need to be brought to school every day.

All children are entered into the class reading challenge, where they need to read **at least 5 times per week**.

Children are also encouraged to log on to 'Reading Plus', a programme that can dramatically improve reading skills.

PE: Lessons will be on **Thursdays** when children will need their PE kit of plain red shorts and plain white T-shirt. Outdoor kits of plain black joggers and sweatshirt are also essential, as wherever possible, PE lessons will take place outside. Thank you for your help with this.

Literacy

Main areas of study will be:

Story Writing, Information Texts, Journalistic writing and letter writing.

Also during literacy lessons your child will be focussing on sentence structure, spelling, grammar, handwriting and reading.

Our Class text this term will be *Treasure Island* by R.L. Stevenson.

Numeracy:

Main areas of study will be:

- Multiplication/Division
- Fractions
- Geometry
- Number and place value
- Measures
- Problem Solving

By Year 5 children should know all of the times tables. If your child does not know all the times tables please help them to learn these at home.

Science: In Science we will be investigating Forces. We will also be looking at scientific inventions within our topic of 'The Spanish Armada' related to travelling on water.

RE

In RE, we will be looking at Biblical text and discussing how this is interpreted by Christians.

PSHCE— In PSHCE we will be looking at how it is 'Good to be me'

Art / DT: Our Art lessons will relate to our theme of 'The Spanish Armada'. We will be creating Coats of Arms and looking at Tudor Art. In addition, we will be looking at the work of a local Marine artist, Jack Rigg.

In DT, we will be designing and making hedgehog houses.

Music: In music, Class MC will continue to learn to play the violin with visiting music teacher, Mr Lynch.

ICT / French: In ICT we will be looking at Internet Safety, Coding and Spread Sheets. We will also be further developing our word processing and presentation skills, building on our previous learning.

History / Geography

In History we will be learning about the events surrounding the Spanish Armada. We will look at the cause and effect of this battle.

In Geography we will be learning about oceans and seas surrounding Britain

We will also be looking at travelling by sea to European countries today and in the past. We will also learn about the life of Tudor sailors and how they explored the new world.

Finally...

If you have any queries or concerns, please feel free to contact either myself or Mrs Ketley at the end of the day.