



# Year 5 Newsletter

## Spring Term 1

### English

This half term, our writing will be focusing on a cross curricular link with Space. We will be reading the book *Curiosity - The Story of a Mars Rover* by Markus Motom and using it to write our own descriptive stories. In poetry, we will be looking at poetic techniques such as similes, onomatopoeia and personification and how these can be used in our own poems.

### Maths

Our main focus this half term will be on Multiplication and Division. We will be looking at strategies to help us with answering calculations. We will be looking at column methods, area models and long division and developing these strategies to help us follow step by step methods.

### RE

We will be asking the question – *What does it mean to be a Muslim in Britain today?* We will be looking at the Muslim faith and traditions; the importance of charities and exploring the link between a journey in the life of a Christian and the journey through the Muslim faith.

### Science

Our focus will be on Earth and Space. This interesting topic will lead us on a journey around Earth, the Moon, Sun and the planets in our Solar System. We will look at day and night, shadows, eclipses, phases of the moon and facts associated to the planets,

### Homework

Online learning tasks will be set weekly via Purple Mash, Spelling and TT Rockstars. These sites offer a variety of fun games for your children to explore.

### Reading Books

All children have access to our beautiful library and the class bookshelves too. We strongly believe that children should develop a love for reading and do everything we can to help foster that love. We encourage children to bring in their own book from home if they have particular favourites.

### P.E.

**Our P.E days have changed to Thursday and Fridays.**

Our focus this half term is on dance. We will be looking specifically at dance routines and how these routines can be incorporated into a larger dance sequence. We will be looking at dances such as the hand jive and jive.

### Computing

We will be using *Lego We Do* to follow instructions and create our very own moving creation. The children will be using coding skills to programme and create.

### History

This half term, the children will be learning about the Peterloo Massacre. We will be exploring the important links it had to the people of Middleton and Manchester. We will look at the causes of the Peterloo Massacre and the consequences of the devastating events that took place.

### Core Christian Value



Respect



***Young Voices – The children who attend the choir from Year 5 will be attending Manchester Arena to participate singing in the largest school choir.***





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## Our Golden Rules:



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