



# CLASS 5MC



THE PURPOSE OF THIS NEWSLETTER IS TO INFORM YOU OF THE TOPICS YOUR CHILD WILL BE STUDYING FOR THE NEXT HALF TERM

## Literacy

This half term, our text will be: 'Beowulf' by Michael Morpurgo and 'The Island' by Armin Greder

The main areas of study will be:

- Character descriptions
- Letter writing
- Speech writing
- Setting descriptions
- Creating story endings

Also, during literacy, your child will be focusing on sentence structure, grammar, spellings and handwriting.

## Art and DT

This term children will be looking at mixed media. This project teaches children about paper crafts, paper making and collage techniques, including paper, fabric, mixed media and photo collage.

In DT we will be looking at moving mechanisms. This project teaches children about pneumatic systems.

## Science

In Science we will be looking at materials and their properties. Wherever possible, we will be investigating these properties and looking at how these are used.

## PE

Our PE lessons will be taught by our specialist PE teachers on a Wednesday. These will focus on developing rugby skills so your child will need their PE Kit of plain red shorts and plain white t-shirt. They will also need their black outdoor kit as, wherever possible, lessons will take place outside.

## Homework

Home work will be set each Friday on spag.com. This needs to be completed by the following Thursday.

**If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to speak to me on the door or contact the school office if it is urgent.**

## Numeracy

Main areas of study:

- Fractions
- Percentages
- Area and perimeter
- Statistics

Also, we will continue to focus on the quick recall of all of the times tables. Please encourage your child to continue to learn these at home too.

## History and Geography

In History we will be learning about one of the first ancient civilisations, the Egyptians, looking at life and the achievements of Ancient Egyptians.

In Geography we will be learning about the features and characteristics of different types of agriculture in regions across the world.

## Music

During music lessons the children will learn how to use the music creator on our music platform Charanga - which will be used to enhance our composition skills. They will also learn how to compose music using different musical styles.

## RE

During RE we will be looking at what the Bible says about creation and comparing scientific views on creation.

## Class Reading/Home Reading

Our class reading text is going to be 'Sir Gawain and the Green Knight.'

Children will be given their home reading books to take home daily. They should be encouraged to read a few pages every night. Please discuss with your child what they have read before signing their reading record. Reading records need to be brought into school each day, so your child can progress on the class challenge of reading **5 times each week**.