



## Curriculum Newsletter for Year 5 Spring 1 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the spring term. We would like to share our Curriculum overview with you and some key dates for this half term.

PE day is Tuesday; please ensure your child has their full PE kit with them.

Homework will go out on Thursday and pupils will be expected to return their homework to school on Tuesday. Please ensure all homework is complete and back at school in time.

Reading Journals – please ensure children complete a journal entry every day and bring this into school. They can also use their journals for free writing.

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Please take a look at our Curriculum Map for this half term.

In Literacy, we are creating an atmosphere and building tension in our mystery and suspense writing. We will also be perfecting our skills of persuasion, instructional writing, delving into spoken word as well as continuing to build our vocabulary.

In Maths we are strengthening our knowledge of place value through investigations, comparing, ordering and sequencing numbers. We are also working on strategies concerning the four operations, finding fractions and converting different metric measurements.

We need to keep practicing our times tables up to 12 and brush up on our mental maths skills.

In Jewish Studies we are continuing learning Chumash as well as Jewish general knowledge through the Etgar programme. We are also learning new tefillot and preparing for Tu be'Shvat and Purim.

In Geography, we will be learning about key aspects of the water cycle in great detail before moving onto rivers and coasts

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Our Science focus for this half term is 'Earth and Space'. We will be looking at the movement of planets in the solar system, of the Earth relative to the moon and sun and will look at the Earth's rotation to explain day and night.

In RE we will be learning about the beliefs in Sikhism and identifying similar beliefs or values to our own.

Our theme for PSHCE this half term is 'Let's Work'. We will be discussing what we want to do in the future, how we will get there and the different jobs and responsibilities that come with employment.

In PE we will be continuing to improve our technique and strategy through games and gymnastics.

In Art/DT we will be using water colours to develop our painting skills.

In ICT we will be developing our coding skills using Purple Mash and integrating ICT in all of our subjects, particularly topic.