



# YEAR FIVE NEWSLETTER

## AUTUMN TERM 2

### 2023



Welcome to the second half of the autumn term. It has been a busy one so far! It was great to see and hear the children's wonderful Lea Green experiences. They really were amazing- being adventurous, challenging themselves and supporting each other. They have all settled back into the school routine since returning. Thank you for your ongoing support during last week's parents' evenings. It was great to discuss how your children are working hard and their achievements so far. This newsletter provides you with information for the term ahead. **Mr McCance is teaching Year Five every Thursday. Mrs Race is the teaching assistant in Y5 and Miss Lyne is the lunchtime supervisor.**

Remember your  
water bottle  
daily!



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#### Literacy

This half term's literacy book stimulus is: 'Rapunzel a Groovy Fairytale' retold by David Roberts. The children will continue to predict and infer information during the reading phase. They will have the opportunity to innovate the story, allowing for their imagination and creativity to shine through in their writing. The grammar focus will also be taught through the text. Lots of thoughtful ideas have been shared and discussed so far.



#### Curriculum

This term we will continue to study the history topic: 'Dynamic Dynasties'. Through this topic, children will continue to learn about Ancient China, with a focus on the Shang Dynasty. In geography: Investigating our world, children will locate map features using a range of methods. They will learn about the Prime Meridian, Greenwich Mean Time (GMT), worldwide time zones and study interconnected climate zones, vegetation belts and biomes. In Science, during the Earth and Space topic, the children will learn about our Solar System. They will describe the movements of the Earth and the other planets relative to the Sun, the Moon relative to Earth, and the Earth's rotation to explain day and night. In art, the Taotie project teaches about the significance and art of the taotie motif, including ancient and contemporary casting methods.

#### Reading

We use the online reading program 'Reading Plus'. We encourage pupils to complete tasks at home as well as in school or to read their individual reading books. Enjoy discussing and sharing these books together.

**Spellings** - The children take part in regular spelling sessions. The activities enable the children to learn and apply a range of spelling patterns which they are then encouraged to use in writing sessions.

#### Home Learning

Thank you for your support with home learning tasks. Children's work is shared and celebrated each week. The children will have a choice of activities alongside non-negotiable tasks. Books are sent home every Friday, to be returned the following

#### Forest School

Year Five will have the opportunity to take part in Forest school sessions on a Wednesday morning with Mrs Fisher. Please provide waterproofs and wellies/old trainers because the children may get muddy!! Look out for photos of their adventures and the range of activities they do on Class Dojo.



#### P.E.

Swimming lessons will continue every Monday morning. Children will need a swimming kit in school on that day please. Our PE lessons will take place on **Tuesday** afternoons this year with Mrs Fisher. Please remove earrings on P.E. days. This half-term we are focusing on gymnastics.



#### Important Dates for Diaries!

R.E. day (Judaism—Shabbat) - **Wednesday 22nd November**  
Non-uniform day - chocolate donations - **Friday 24th November**  
Non-uniform day - bottle donations - **Friday 1st December**  
Christmas Rewind at the local church **Monday 4th December pm**  
Christmas Fair, 3.15pm — **Thursday 7th November**  
Christmas jumper day — **Thursday 7th November 2023**  
Y5/6 Christmas activity day (wear pyjamas) further details to follow) - **Friday 15th December**  
Carol Service at Mellor Road Church, 9.30am—**Wednesday 20th December**  
Christmas Party — **Wednesday 20th December**

**Class Rewards** - Year Five are continuing to work hard. The children are rewarded with signatures/ raffle tickets and two children are chosen as the stars of the week.

**Class Recognition Wall** - Children's names are placed on the wall once an adult has recognised the positive behaviour linked to the target which has been set each day.



If you have any questions please don't hesitate to message me on Class Dojo or email [k.arnfield@newmills-pri.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:k.arnfield@newmills-pri.derbyshire.sch.uk).  
Many thanks for your support.