Year 5 Autumn Term 1 Newsletter

Must bring to school:

- Literacy folders with Reading Log and book
- School bags
- Please come to school wearing your PE Kit on Monday and Wednesday

Topic

SAME but DIFFERENT

We have had a fantastic first week back!

Homework

- Reading (At least 3 times a week at home with an adult)
- TT Rockstars
- Spellings (weekly)

If you have any questions, please ask Elena or Ria.

Important dates

- 9 September—London Fire Brigade Workshop
- Last week of term is— RE Week and to include International Day

Children need to be in school at 8:30am each morning!
Between 8.30-8.45am we do early morning work which includes key skills and helps settle children so they are ready for our first lesson at 8.45am.

Personal, Social, Character Development

The traits that we will be focusing on this term are perseverance, celebrating differences, self-regulation, positive relationships, healthy mind, social responsibility and understanding others.

History, Geography & Social Understanding

In Geography, we will be looking at maps for identifying lines of longitude and latitude. We will also learn about hemispheres and climate zones. Our learning will be linked to our PSCD traits celebrating differences and understanding others as we learn where everyone in the class is from. In History, we will be making a class timeline. In Spanish we will be focusing on vocabulary and grammar to do with 'All about me'. In RE, our focus religion is Sikhism.

Science and Technological Understanding

Our focus for science this term will be on 'Animals including humans'. We will be exploring gestation periods, how the body develops from the pre-natal period to childhood, adolescence and old age.

This will include a lesson on puberty where we discuss changes that happen to children's bodies and we will have a session where the boys and girls will be separate.

Understanding the Arts

We will be learning about the artist and English sculptor Henry Moore. We will be using his work as inspiration to create self portraits that use a range of techniques to create 3D effects such as shading,

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Computing

In computing this term we will be focusing on online systems and specifically on how to use search functions. As with last year we are following the Teach Computing scheme. We will frequently be using Chromebooks. Wi will continues to discuss online safety.

English, Communication & Language

For this term, we will be looking at a range of writing genres. We will be starting off with persuasive letters before writing a recount and some poetry. Our key texts this term are 'The Colour of Home' by Mary Hoffman and Karen Littlewood and 'Overheard in a Tower' Block by Joseph Coelho. Spellings are given weekly and children will be practising their handwriting and having grammar sessions weekly. The focus is for them to construct interesting and well punctuated sentences.

Mathematical Understanding

We continue to follow the White Rose scheme. This term the key focus is securing the children's understanding of place value, using increasingly large numbers. We then move on to addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. As always, their mental maths is so important so it is crucial they are practising their times tables daily and making regular use of TT Rockstars both in school and at home.

Understanding Physical Health

PE this term will be focusing on cricket with a specialist coach as a lesson on Movement Skills. P.E. will take place Monday and Wednesday. Please wash PE kits weekly.