



## Y5 Term 3 Curriculum 2024

Dear Y5 Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year! I hope you all managed to enjoy sometime with your children over the two-week break. You will recall that our learning is now based all around 'Big' questions, children researching and having hands on experiences. Below is an outline of the questions that your child will be learning to answer over the next few weeks. We hope that this gives you information on what's happening in school but also allow you to support, research and enhance understanding at home.

As readers, all Y5 children will be reading 'Coming to England' by Floella Benjamin. It is an autobiography text and tells the story of her life starting in Trinidad and then her move to England. As writers we will learn how to write an autobiography. Feel free to read 'Coming to England' at home with your child.

In maths lessons we follow a mastery approach. This means that we immerse and broaden a child's mathematical understanding before moving on. Our main study will be with multiplication and division, looking at using a grid method and formal method to record the answers. We will be returning to fractions and extending their knowledge by learning how to multiply fractions and look at fractions of amounts. Finally, we will be presenting data using line graphs.

As scientists we will be answering 'If matter can change, can it be changed back?' (Physical and chemical changes and if the changes are reversible or irreversible) We will learn about the work of Marie Curie and her award for the Nobel Prize in 1911.

We are learning to be geographers. Our Big question for Term 3 is 'How do people survive in hostile lands and how can Antarctica be a desert when it's the coldest place on Earth?' We will explore where the deserts are in our world and how plants and people adapt to hot deserts. We will debate which is more important, lines of latitude or longitude and how the climate is changing at the ice caps. Finally, we will look at how you can protect your home if you live on a flood plain.

In RE we ask, 'What does it mean if Christians believe God is holy and loving?' and will explore the stories of Moses and what the 10 Commandments are. In PSHE we are asking 'How can you make dreams come true?' we will be investigating jobs and careers and how to achieve the dream job. In Art we ask, 'How can painting show texture?' we will be looking at work by Van Gogh.

We hope this information gives you an ongoing picture of what your child will be learning at school and very much look forward to sharing the results of learning with you during our open event in the last week of this half term at the beginning of February. Look out for the separate email regarding this event.

