
SALTWOOD CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

CLASS 5 NEWSLETTER – SUMMER 2019

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Dear Parents

I hope you had a restful break and have been enjoying the sunshine. We have continued to make good progress since the last newsletter and intend to keep the pace and challenge high over a busy summer term.

As we are now in the final third of Year 5, parent's attention, understandably, starts turning to the process of applying for secondary schools. I hope you found the parent meetings with myself and Mr Newton helpful when making your decisions about which secondary school might be most suitable for your child, based on their academic ability and, of equal importance, their attitude and personality. If you have any further questions, we are here to support you throughout the process so please do not hesitate to ask.

In literacy, we shall be concentrating poetry (focusing on using figurative language and imagery inspired by the Titanic); non-chronological reports (linked to sport) and drama (focusing on Shakespeare). We shall also spend time focusing on the technical aspects of writing, including the use of punctuation and sentence structure. As part of our continued partnership, I have included a handout of SPaG (spelling punctuation and grammar) terms which children will need to use and understand by the end of KS2. Feel free to display this at home and use the terminology when working together. We would ask you to encourage your child to write as much as possible at home. They can write about anything they choose; maybe even create their own book or newspaper.

It would help if he/she could find books to read in a range of genres. It continues to be important that you hear your child read on a regular basis and complete their reading record. Discussing the books, plot and characters will really enhance their comprehension skills. It is obvious from speaking to the children and looking at the records, that reading is a regular part of many of your daily routines so I wanted to thank you for this. It really does make a difference.

In Maths, our focus will be on the 'shape and space' aspect of the curriculum. This will include work on angles; the properties of 2D and 3D shapes; volume and capacity and measurements. We will also learn about reflecting and translating shapes. You may like to address some of these beforehand, particularly focusing on the vocabulary that is used as it is quite specific. In addition, we will revisit some areas of previous learning to keep the children's skills sharp.

Please continue to encourage your children to use and apply and practise their mathematical understanding at home wherever possible. There will be a continued emphasis on mental maths skills. Despite being a shape and space term, times tables skills will still be of paramount importance so please continue to practise these at home.

As part of our Science topic the children will also be given a lesson on 'growing up' which focuses on the changes that happen to them during puberty. They will watch a film on 21st June as part of this. On Tuesday 18th June at 3.30pm, there will be a chance for parents to view the film prior to the children watching it. It is the same film that has been used in the past. Children will be supervised in the IT room during this viewing.

We shall be studying the following subjects in the other curriculum areas:

Subject	Term 5	Term 6
Science	Living things and their habitats	Animals, including humans
Geography	Sustainable tourism	
History		The Mayans
P.E.	Athletics (Track and Field)	Athletics Striking and fielding games
R.E.	What does it mean to be Jewish in Britain today?	What does it mean to be Muslim in Britain today?
Art/DT	Ethical / sustainable art	Saltwood Art Exhibition
Music	Musical Structure using lifecycles	Performing together using instruments
I.C.T.	We are web designers	We are Architects (graphical modelling)

As the weather improves, it is important for your child to have a water bottle in school with a sports cap, not screw top. This should not only help keep him/her cooler, but also aid concentration.

Finally, I am looking forward to seeing the wonderful efforts from my class who are changing the world. As a reward for the children's hard work inside and out of school, I am happy to announce I have arranged a school trip to Folkestone for a day of sea sports. More details will follow. We also have our whole school Art Show on Tuesday 25 June at 6.00pm. More information will follow soon.

As always, if you have any feedback, including problems or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me. Feel free to continue meeting me informally by my fire door after school and I will continue to seek you out to address specific items.

Yours sincerely

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