
**SALTWOOD CHURCH OF ENGLAND
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

CLASS 5 NEWSLETTER – AUTUMN 2019

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Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to the new school year! We have a busy term ahead of us and much to look forward to – in particular our day trip to Kingswood on Friday 27 September. An exciting programme has been organised to involve a variety of adventurous and team-building activities. You will receive a letter nearer the time, with further information, including what time the children need to arrive at school on that day.

In literacy, we shall be studying a range of texts and genres. In term 1, we shall be writing recounts, classic texts and slam poetry. In term 2 we will be studying autobiographies and biographies, classic poetry and instructions and explanations. Although these are writing based themes, reading is an integral part of the whole literacy curriculum and is well dispersed through the curriculum e.g. reading model texts for the genre being studied, performing one's own and other's writing out loud and tasks that assess comprehension. This is further complemented by a rigorous guided reading programme, for this term based on our class reader – 'Wonder' by R.J. Palacio.

It makes a huge difference to your child's progress if they can be heard reading individually at home on a daily basis and you discuss the text. Please write a comment in your child's reading diary every time you hear them read aloud.

In maths, we shall be covering mainly number work for the first two terms, including place value, addition and subtraction, multiplication and division and statistics. The curriculum is a "mastery" curriculum. The focus is on being confident in the core mathematical skills and having a deep understanding of mathematical processes in order to specialise later at secondary school. Therefore, we will regularly be revisiting what may seem quite simple concepts e.g. place value or subtraction but, depending on your child's need, we will go into much more depth now they are older.

Learning multiplication tables is a must as these are fundamental to numerous areas of maths. Some children find them easier to learn by playing games, whilst others prefer the traditional method of repetition.

Throughout the curriculum, we aim to make the learning as memorable as possible and develop each child as an individual by providing plenty of new, exciting and challenging experiences. We shall be studying the following subjects in the other curriculum areas:

Subject	Term 1	Term 2
Science	Properties and changes of materials	Forces
D & T	Designing a product for a purpose	Making a working Newton metre
History		
P.E.	Invasion games	Dance and gym
R.E.	God – What does it mean if God is Holy and Loving?	Incarnation – Why do Christians see Jesus as the Messiah?
Art	Sculpture	Landscape Drawing
Music	Composition and performance	Performing together
I.C.T.	We are game developers	We are cryptographers
Geography	Rivers and coasts	Rivers and coasts

Please provide your child with a P.E. kit (in line with the school requirements), including trainers for outside lessons and black jogging bottoms and a red sweatshirt for the winter. Please note, any PE lessons that take place indoors will be done in bare feet, so there is no need for plimsolls.

I am looking forward to meeting you all and letting you put a face to a name at the Orientation Session on Wednesday 11 September at 4.30pm.

Yours sincerely,

Mr J Burrows
Class Teacher