



## WELCOME BACK TO YEAR 5!

Your class teachers  
for the Spring Term are:

Miss Boyle, Miss Kent and Miss Taylor  
with

Miss Khanum and Mr Khan to support.  
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## YEAR 5 PUPILS...

During your time in Year 5, we will expect you to:

- always try your best,
- be kind and considerate to everyone,
- do your homework - hand it in every Tuesday. New homework will be handed out the same day,
- read regularly to an adult at home and complete reading journal activities,
- look after your own things,
- make sure you wear the correct uniform with the appropriate footwear,
- bring your swimming kit every Thursday.

*I will be learning...*

### LITERACY



In Spring 1 we will focus on myths and narrative poetry, before adding our own chapter to a play written by William Shakespeare. Our non-fiction work will explore instructions and then we will become magazine report writers

### MATHS



We will continue to work on using the four operations to solve tricky number problems as well as learning about fractions, measures and shape. Remember: keep practicing your targets and times tables at home!

### SCIENCE

Our topics this term are: Changing States and Reversible and Irreversible Changes. This will include learning about evaporation, condensation and the water cycle. We are also using our time to revise all past Science units. These include: rocks and soils, circuits, gases around us and magnetism. We will be focusing on investigative skills and developing our enquiring minds!



**COMPUTING** We will be using a computer program called Sketch-Up to become architects and designing a new home for an important Greek goddess.

**ART & D.T.** We will be using our observational skills to paint still life pictures. In D&T we will be making healthy pirate snacks.

**P.S.H.E** We are using our P.S.H.E time this term to focus on conflict resolution and how to deal with feelings and emotions.

**SWIMMING** Year 5 are lucky enough to continue going swimming every Thursday, leaving at 1.00pm and returning by the end of the day. We will be walking to Mile End Leisure Centre where the children will be taught by a trained coach.




**FRENCH** We have a specialist French teacher. She will be teaching us everyday conversational French once a week.

**TRIPS & EVENTS** We will visit a Sikh temple of worship (Gurdwara) to develop our understanding of the Sikh religion.

We are also hoping to visit the Science Museum to explore explosions!

# Dear Parents & Carers...

We want to continue the fantastic work children have been doing this year. You can continue to support this by:

- Ensuring that they have the correct uniform and that all their clothing is labelled with their name. 
- Encouraging your child's growing independence - letting them sort out for themselves the items they will need for school such as lunchboxes, coats and shoes etc.
- Listening to them read, or asking them about the books they are reading and encouraging them to read every day. 
- Practising maths skills in a friendly and informal way - for example number games, mental arithmetic and times table facts.
- Encouraging and supporting them to do their homework by themselves. Remember it's their homework not yours.
- If you have any questions or if you or your child have any worries - no matter how small - please come and let us know. 

We are always happy to listen, so please just pop in and ask!

## What you will need in Year 5...



### SCHOOL SHOES

Plimsolls or lace-ups. Trainers can be worn, as long as they are completely black.

### P.E. KIT

Swimming trunks/ costume; swimming hat; goggles; towel; plastic bag for wet clothes; and a sensible bag for all your child's swimming equipment.



## Date for your diary

Start the new year by joining us in an exciting adventure into the world of reading!  
9am, Thursday 7th January.

MARY the  
COOK

MRS KEMP

Please **remember** to label everything with your name - especially sweatshirts, PE kits and coats!



# YEAR 5 Spring 2016



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