



# Shiplake Church of England Primary School and Shiplake Village Nursery



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## Year 5 Newsletter Term 2 – Spring 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope you all had a super Christmas and New Year. I would like to say a big 'Thank you' for all the lovely presents and cards I received; it was very kind of you. The class had a super last term. I was really impressed with their enthusiasm for the Christmas play and pleased to see so many of you were able to watch their performance. As is usual I'd like to tell you about some of the things that I have planned for Year 5 this term.

In English we will be looking at stories with a strong setting focusing on a text called 'Kensuke's Kingdom' by Michael Morpurgo and 'Rumblestar' by Abi Elphinstone. We will be studying the texts closely and using them as a basis for different genres of writing and developing reading comprehension skills. During term 1 the children were kindly gifted a copy of Rumblestar by Mr and Mrs Reed-Ryan, please could your child bring in their copy ready for our work. We will also be using the texts to support our spelling, grammar and punctuation skills. Please encourage your children to read regularly, it really does support all their developing English skills. They currently read independently within school, and read as part of our whole class guided reading lessons. Please ensure you hear them read at home regularly and ask questions which encourage them to think about the characters and settings they are reading about.

The children's talks were fantastic last term. I thoroughly enjoyed listening to them. Thank you for the time you spent helping them collate and present information and the opportunities given to practice delivering their talk. It was evident from how good they were that a lot of work had gone into them. This term's talks will be on a country of choice, please see the separate help sheet for more guidance sent home on Friday.

In maths we will be building on the children's number, multiplication, division, addition and subtraction skills. We will also be learning about fraction, decimals, and percentages. We are also building on the children's understanding of geometry and measurement. Rainbow times tables will also continue through the term.



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Our science topic this term is 'Forces'. We will be looking at different forces and conducting investigations into them to deepen our understanding. In RE we are learning about Islam. In art we will be focusing on digital art and also creating some pop art. Our topic this term is geography and is based on geographical features on North and South America.

Outdoor PE/ gym will be on a Monday and our indoor PE is on a Wednesday. This term the children will be learning about fitness and developing their understanding of ball games. Please make sure your child has their correct PE kit in school on these days. We will be using ICT across the curriculum and specifically combining data handling and presentation with our fitness lessons.

This term homework will be given out on a Friday and should be returned the following Thursday. It will be marked and discussed with the children in class. Please also support your child to complete some activities from the homework grid.

Finally, if you have any questions or queries please come and speak to me at the end of the day when I can properly answer your questions. Please also feel free to contact me by email ([awhite@shiplake.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:awhite@shiplake.oxon.sch.uk)).

Best wishes,

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