YEAR 5 AUTUMN 2 **CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER 2020**

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! I hope you all had a good rest over the October half term holiday. I am looking forward to starting a new half term with Year 5 and can't wait to get stuck into even more new and exciting learning. I feel that I really got to know the children over the first half term so I am looking forward to working with each one of them to support them in achieving their very best.

We loved getting stuck into so many good books last half term so I cannot wait to begin immersing ourselves into even more! In our English lessons, we will be reading another Michael Morpurgo book but one which is very different to the ones we have read before: it's gripping, gruesome and gory! The text links perfectly with our history topic for the half term – the Saxons – and we will be focusing upon our use of language including similes, metaphors and choice of adjectives to make our own writing as intense as Michael Morpurgo does. We will also be learning about limericks and creating some of our own as well as focusing on a lovely picture book called 'Cloud Tea Monkeys'. We will have a specific grammar focus each week where we will continue to consolidate our knowledge of fronted adverbials and relative clauses. We will also begin to explore other forms of parenthesis and will continue to practice the year 5/6 common exception words, the -ence/-ance suffixes and further homophones.

In maths this half term, we will be looking at statistics, multiplication, division, perimeter and area. In multiplication and division, we will be learning about factors, multiples, prime, square and cube numbers as well as consolidating our knowledge of multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1,000. There will be a problem solving and reasoning focus once a week, applying what we have learnt. We will also have a short session each week working on arithmetic skills, mental maths and times tables up to 12 x 12.

To find out more about the other curriculum areas we will be studying this half term, please visit our website to see our knowledge organisers.

Please don't hesitate to come and see me if you have any questions or concerns.

Many thanks, Miss Wood





"Happy together in God's family, we love, grow and learn,

Important Days

Monday:

Reading books changed

Thursday:

PE lesson (come in PE

Friday:

Spelling Test

Important Dates

November:

Monday 2nd – school opens

Friday 6th @ 9:30am – Whole School Remembrance Mass

> Wednesday 11th – Flu **Immunisations**

Monday 16th – Anti-bullying week / Odd Socks Day £1

Tuesday 17th @ 4pm – Year 5/6 maths parents' meeting

Wednesday 18th @ 9:30am – Mini Vinnie blessing

Thursday 19th @ 9:30am – Y5 FHC class assembly

Friday 20th @ 2:30pm – E-safety for parents

Thursday 26th – individual photos for children who weren't in in September

Friday 27th @ 11am – Y2 & Y5 class mass

Friday 27th – non-uniform £2 / pantomime in school

December:

Friday 11th – Christmas dinner and jumper day

Wednesday 16th - @ 9:30am - Y5 lead Jesse Tree worship

Thursday 17th – Christmas parties

Friday 18th @ 9:30am – whole school mass / school closes for Christmas holidays