

## Important Events

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September – Swimming lessons begin  
Week commencing 30<sup>th</sup> September – Black History Month  
Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October – Venezuela class assembly  
Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October – Puerto Rico class assembly  
finish at 1:30  
October-International Evening  
Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October – Inset Day (no school)

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September – Neal Zetter (Poet) workshops  
Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October – National Poetry Day  
Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October – Primary Droms at the Albert Hall  
Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October – Parents Evening 1:40pm until 7pm (children  
Friday 18<sup>th</sup>  
21<sup>st</sup> October – 25<sup>th</sup> October Half term –  
Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October – Beginning of autumn 2 Term

Bolivia Class assembly – 16<sup>th</sup> November

Argentina class assembly – 23<sup>rd</sup> November



## Year Five Autumn 1 Term Curriculum Newsletter

## Homework

Homework is handed out on Friday and should be returned the following Wednesday. Homework will consist of tasks that will consolidate the work your children have learned that week and from time to time, a challenge related to their topics. A regular part of homework will be weekly spellings, this is preparation for their spelling test every Friday but we will practice them daily. Your children will receive their Reading Journals which should be brought into school every day. It is also essential that your child practices their times tables every day. One possible way of doing this is to use their times tables rockstars account. In year 5 the expectation is to recall all their times tables facts up to 12 x 12. **It is important that your child does their homework – please help them by making sure they have time to do it.**

P.E day will be on **Monday** for Venezuela and Puerto Rico Your child's P.E kit must contain a white t-shirt and either blue or black shorts or tracksuit bottoms. flimsolls or plain trainers must be worn during all P.E lessons.  
**Swimming lessons will be on Tuesday.**

Hi, we are Mrs Spencer, Ms Khan and Ms Calin.

It is a pleasure to be teaching Puerto Rico and Venezuela class this year and we are looking forward to working with you all to ensure the best for your children's education and happiness. If you have any concerns or questions, please talk to us briefly before or after school. If you want a longer discussion, please ring the school office to make an appointment or come and see us in the playground to set a convenient time.

This term we will be partaking in swimming lessons during P.E. on Tuesdays. Please ensure your child has swimming costume/trunks/shorts, a towel, swimming cap, goggles and a plastic bag for wet clothes.

Later in the term, we will be selecting pupils to join our Debate Mote Club, which was a big success last year. Pupils will have the opportunity to build their oracy skills as well as exploring current affairs.

Most importantly, bring in a winning smile and a positive and resilient attitude.

We are going to have a wonderful year ahead.

In English we will be writing stories with imaginary settings based around the Greek Myth, 'Pandora's Box'. We will be focusing on our paragraphing, using fronted adverbials and relative clauses. We will then turn our stories into play scripts and perform them to the other class. Later in the term, we will explore the features of information texts to write about the Solar System. The focus will be on using headings, sub-headings and factual information.

As mathematicians, our focus will be on place value, fractions and using both written and mental methods to solve addition and subtraction problems. We will also be reciting our times tables daily. *Explore why the digit 7 has a different value in these numbers: 7,000 and 72. Make up some similar questions.*

As scientists we will be exploring forces. We will learn about the different types of forces and come up with ways we can test for them. We will also think about how forces can be used to help us in our everyday lives.

*Do you know what gravity is? How many forces can you think of?*

### Maths

Place value, mental and written addition and subtraction and Fractions

### Science Forces

**ICT** This term we will begin to look at coding. We will research what coding is and use Espresso Coding to further our understanding.

### Humanities Ancient Greece

This half term we will be learning about Ancient Greece in our history lessons. The focus will be on the Greek alphabet, Ancient Greek gods and the impact the ancient Greeks have had on our modern day society. Some homework for this topic will go home over the half term. *Do you know any Ancient Greek gods? What do Ancient Greek numbers look like?*



### Ancient Greece

### English

Explanation text (Science-forces)

### PSHE

Our PSHE topic for term 1 will be 'Relationships'. As Year 5's it is important that we set the example around the school by being positive role models.

*What RRS articles can you think of that link to Relationships?*

### RE

In RE we will be learning about the values of Christianity and how they link to other religions.

### Art and DT

### Making

In art this term, we will be using clay to make models of mythical creatures. We will explore using different techniques to create our models.

*What mythical creatures can you think of?*

### Spanish

In Spanish, we will continue to learn words and phrases about animals, together with responding to instructions in Spanish. *Can you remember what 'levantar' means? And 'sentar'?*

### Physical Development

In the first term we will be doing swimming and netball. In netball we will be thinking about our special awareness and using different techniques to pass the ball to a team mate. *What is the quickest way of moving a ball?*

### Music

In music, we will learn to play the recorder to classical music.

