



## Year 5/6 Curriculum Newsletter Autumn Term 1, Sep 2021



Dear Parents and Carers,

Please look through some activities we will cover this term as we open the doors to the new academic year with our new classroom name...Jays! Jays class will also be taught by Mrs Puce on a Thursday and Friday.

### **English:**

This term, the children will be writing science fiction stories based on Time travel. They will be reading a range of excerpts and short stories and focus on securing the non-negotiables of writing and sentence structures. We will also develop our writing by using DASH? To structure our paragraphs. (see if the children can tell you what this stands for!). Children will develop their understanding of a range of texts including discussion texts and writing fictional texts. They will be working hard on the technical aspects of writing and applying their spelling, punctuation and grammar skills across the curriculum.

### **Maths:**

We will begin by exploring place value using numbers up to 10,000,000. We will then be focussing on developing our understanding of the four operations in number, sharing our knowledge through reasoning and application in a range of contexts.

### **Science**

We are learning about Animals, including humans, finding out about how we change and grow. We will learn about the work of Professor Robert Winston and develop key scientific skills to help us to think like scientists. We will learn about methods used to research a theory and complete practical investigations to find out how species adapt to their environments.

### **Theme:**

The focus of theme this term is **Around the Globe**. Children will explore the geography of the wider world, developing key skills that they need to think geographically. They will consider the use of OS maps, grid references and compass directions alongside learning about the physical and human geographical features.

### **PE & Games:**

PE this term is on Tuesdays and will be centred on developing fundamental movement skills amongst other aspects. Children should come into school in their PE kits as outlined in the newsletter

### **RE:**

Our big question is '**Creation and Science: Conflicting or complementary?**' Discussion will be centred around the creation story and how Christians interpret the stories found in Genesis. We think, discuss and debate how science fits with this view of Creation and how for many Christians science and faith go together.

### **English Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar:**

The children continue to secure their application of spelling, punctuation and grammar rules. This is done through direct teaching and through application across the curriculum

### **Computing:**

This term, the children will focus on developing their coding skills with the aim of being able to produce some games to share and play.

### **Music:**

The children will continue to learn how to play the Ukulele – building up to a performance we hope to share!

### **Art:**

The children will work on developing key drawing skills – practicing them and creating artwork to use various techniques.

**WOODLANDS:** This year, children will continue to build a range of skills during their weekly woodland sessions.

### **PSHE:**

This term, the children will focus on learning about living well, looking after both our physical and mental and emotional health, and how we can look after each other .

If you have any questions at all, please drop in and ask!

Kind regards, Mrs Solly