



# Year 5 Newsletter

## Summer Term 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are at the start of the summer term, our last term in this academic year. Please find the topics that we will be covering.

### **Topic**

During this term, we will be looking at the two different topics:

- Where does our food come from and where does it go to?

This term, our class will be exploring the fascinating topic of farming and food production. We'll begin by learning about the different types of farming found across the UK and take a closer look at how people farm in our local area. The children will investigate how topography – the shape and features of the land – affects what and how people farm. We'll also be introducing the concept of trade, helping the children understand why different countries import and export various goods. As part of this, we'll be tracing the journey of some everyday food items to find out just how far they've travelled to reach our plates. Finally, we'll examine the impact of modern farming techniques and consider how they have changed the way we produce food.

- What's the story of Sutton Bonington?

This term, our class will be delving into the rich local history of Sutton Bonington. We'll start by exploring the chronology of the village, helping the children understand how it has developed over time. Together, we'll investigate which parts of Sutton Bonington are the oldest and how the buildings and architecture have changed throughout the years. We'll also learn about the influential Paget family and their role in the village's history. As we continue our journey, we'll discover the significance of the Midland Railway and how it helped shape the local area. Finally, we'll look into the history of the university campus and how it has evolved to become the place we know today.

### **Science**

For this half term, we will be covering life cycles in Science. Throughout this topic, we cover reproduction related to animals and plants, but do not teach specifically about humans. If you have any concerns about this, please get in contact through the school office.

### **Music**

Year 5 are also receiving specialised music tuition, learning the ukulele. They have started these lessons and are progressing well.

### **PE Days**

The PE day for Summer 1 is now going to be Friday and we have Forest School on Thursdays.

## **Reading Books**

Your child will be receiving a reading book matched to their reading level. These are based on their Spring term tests and teacher assessment. Children are expected to read a minimum of three times a week for at least 10 minutes. Please record these in their reading diary.

Children can change their reading book during morning break on Tuesdays and Thursdays by bringing their book into school.

## **London Trip**

Year 5 will be going to London next half term on June 30<sup>th</sup>. We have just managed to confirm the itinerary, which will include a river cruise and the London Eye. The total cost will be £50 per pupil.

## **Homework**

Our homework is in four parts:

1. Reading their colour banded book a minimum of three times a week.
2. Children will receive biweekly spellings. They will be tested on these with spot checks by any member of staff throughout school, as well as at the end of half term.
3. Alternating Timestable Rockstars and Doodle Maths. Logins will be sent home and Doodle Maths will be explained to the children.
4. Children will receive the knowledge organiser for the main topics. Please read them through with your child.

## **Values**

This term we will be focusing on showing curiosity in the first half term. We will cover this through assemblies, PSHE lessons and through everyday aspects of school life. Please ask your child how they have been able to show respect and kindness at school and at home.

If you have any questions or worries, please do not hesitate to come and speak to me in school.

Best wishes,

Mr Rice

