
“The universe is not only stranger than we imagine, it is stranger than we can imagine.”
— John Burdon Sanderson Haldane

Welcome back, I hope you all managed to switch off during the half-term holidays and are now ready for the last half-term of Year 5.

In **English** we will be reading **There’s a boy in the Girl’s Bathroom by Louis Sachar** and **Pig Heart Boy** as a class. The first piece of writing we will be looking at will be biographies and the class will be creating their own biographies on a member of their families. We will also be looking at parenthesis, commas for ambiguity and clauses in detail.

In **Maths** we will be focusing on reading co-ordinates and translations and converting measurements from imperial to metric and vice versa.

For **Physical Education** we will be having rounders on a Wednesday and athletics on a Thursday (with Year 6).

During **Religious Education** this half-term we shall be exploring the Jewish faith in a little more depth.

In **Science** we will be focusing on working scientifically and carrying out various investigations during Science week based around colour.

Our **Topic** this half-term is Inheritance and Adaption and we will be looking at DNA, genetics and what makes us who we are.

Homework we will be using Sumdog, tables and spellings. It also goes without saying that children will be expected to read each night and record this in their reading logs. Please refer to the questions in the back of their reading logs to encourage and improve their inference skills.

We will be sitting this year **SATS** during the second week of the term. We will aim to keep the atmosphere as relaxed as possible and the purpose of these is so we can gauge where the children are at going into Year 6 and it will give them a taster of

what they will be taking next May. We will be having a reward day on the Friday of that week but I’ll let you know more about that via Class Dojo.

I am always happy to speak to you about any concerns or good news you would like to share. I’m available most mornings before school and after school or if it’s something you’d rather speak about on the playground you can message me through Class Dojo.

Remember bring your P.E kits in on Monday and take them home on a Friday and bring Forest School clothes in on a Monday morning (when needed) and take them home on the Monday afternoon. It is important that with the weather warming up that the children have a bottle of water and a hat with them for PE.

And finally... can you make sure that your child is recording their reading in their reading log at least three times a week.

Kind regards,

Mr Watson

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