



## Y5 Summer Term Newsletter 2022

### Sapphire, Topaz and Turquoise Classes

#### Welcome to Summer Term

We are so pleased to have all our children back after the Easter holiday. We hope that you and your family have had a restful break and that have enjoyed spending time together. The classrooms are lively and buzzing as the children are enthusiastic to continue with their learning.

#### Curriculum

##### Maths

This term, we will continue to explore fractions, decimals and percentages from the Year 5 objectives. During the rest of the summer term, we will be covering decimal place value, properties of shape, position and directions as well as revising the four operations. We will focus on arithmetic style questions in preparation for the Year 6 curriculum. Weekly times tables will continue, and children will work on [mathletics.com](https://www.mathletics.com) to consolidate their week's learning.

##### English

In writing, we will explore a variety of texts through Talk4Writing. We will write in different styles to suit audience and purpose. We will explore spelling rules and grammar structures and apply it to our writing. We also have a strong focus on handwriting and presentation in all of our work. Through daily reading sessions we will be reading a selection of texts that would benefit our history and geography topics.

##### Science

In science, we will continue with Biology: animals including humans (changes in humans as they grow - link to RSHE).

##### Humanities (History & Geography)

The first half of the summer term, children will be learning about *Britain's settlement by Anglo Saxons: invasions, settlements and kingdoms* followed on by the Viking invasions. In Geography, we will be exploring the Oceans and seas of the world. After that, we will learn about Rainforests of the world with a strong focus on the Amazon in South America.

##### PSHE/RSHE

This first part of this term, we will be discussing self-recognition and self-worth, building self-esteem, how to create safer online communities and our rights and responsibilities online, as well as the dangers of online grooming. In the second part of the term, we will look at self and body-image influences and online media influences, puberty for boys and girls, growing responsibility and coping with changes. More information about this will be sent out to parents nearer the time.

##### Enrichment (French, Music & PE)

**French:** We will continue to correspond with our pen friends in Paris and look forward to receiving letters about what they do in their spare time. Most importantly, the children will have the opportunity to meet their pen friends in real life when we go on our day trip to Paris on 24<sup>th</sup> May! They will, of course, be seeing some of Paris' most beautiful sights too! Before going, we will learn a bit about the French capital and how to ask and answer important questions. At the end of the term, they will be participating in the French Cafe at Rectory Gardens.

**Music:** This term we are exploring how to compose using *garageband* app on the iPads, as we have really enjoyed learning about music sequencing and programming. Then we are going to put together our own class band to play some songs as a class, getting to know the instruments that you might play in a band, so that we can work more independently in small groups.

**PE:** This term starts with Netball and Basketball as the children solidify their skills and use them in more competitive practices. Moving onto Cricket the children will develop the 3 main skills of bowling, batting and fielding as well as learning rules and tactics. In summer 2, the children have three taster sessions where they get to practice sports we do not usually play - Table tennis, Golf, Rounders and Volleyball. To finish the year, we will develop our racquet skills for short tennis as the children play more structured and competitive tennis games.

### Religious Education

In RE, we are exploring how has the Christian message survived for 2000 years. Then we will explore the Contemporary Anglican Church and find out what we can learn from Wisdom.

The last part of our Christianity unit, we will look at the big question 'Should every Christian go on a pilgrimage?'

Our weekly class assemblies focus on what our Christian Values mean and how we can live them out daily. In our PSHE lessons, we use enquiry-based themes to help us develop critical, creative, caring and collaborative thinking skills. During circle time, we discuss our feelings and emotions; we also use meditation as part of our wellbeing focus in class.

### Homework

Work will be set on a **Tuesday** and must be completed by **Monday**. We use Mathletics.com for maths homework. Children are also welcome to pop into classes during **lunchtime** on a Monday or Tuesday for homework club to complete their work.

### General Reminders

- **PLEASE NAME** all your child's belongings: uniform, sweaters, jumpers, bookbags, reusable water bottles, hats, PE kit including plimsolls and swimming kits.
- Swimming has resumed on **Thursdays**. Remind the children to bring the correct swimming kit (also labelled) as well as bottle of water and a healthy snack to have afterwards.
- The children will be doing **PE** on **Wednesday**. For the moment, children will come to school in their PE kit and do not have to change into uniform until further notice.
- Please ensure that your child reads every day and do ask them about **what** they have read. The most important thing is that this is an enjoyable and valuable experience which will further support your child to develop a love of reading.
- We would like to remind parents that the only jewellery allowed at school are small stud earrings. Nail polish is not allowed.
- Please keep up to date with news on our website [here](#)

### Mobile phones

If your child needs a mobile phone, it must be clearly labelled, switched off before they enter the school premises and handed in to the teacher for safe keeping during the day.

### Key dates

We are hoping to plan a few trips and visits for the children this term. This will be confirmed in the next few weeks and we will inform you as soon as we can.

Keep an eye on the main newsletters as well as emails/text messages from the Admin team for information on events for the Summer term.

\*Please regularly check our calendar [here](#)

If there is anything that you would like to talk to us about, please feel free to talk to us before or after school, or make an appointment via the School Office.

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Year 5 Team