

Aboyne Lodge School

Etna Road, St Albans

Year 5 Newsletter – Autumn 2018

Wednesday, 5th September, 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you all had a lovely summer break. It was lovely meeting the children over the past few days and we hope you will find the information in this letter helpful.

Curriculum

Below is a summary of the work to be covered this term. Please be aware that this may be subject to change.

Within **Literacy** we will be covering a range of texts including: classic fiction; recount; explanation; instructions and classic poetry.

Over the year, **Numeracy** will include the reinforcement and development of previously learnt concepts and the introduction of new ones. During the autumn term this will include: place value; decimals; addition and subtraction; multiplication and division; and fractions.

Our **Science** for this term will be focusing on 'Forces' and 'Earth and Space'.

Within our **Music** lessons the children will be listening to music and developing their understanding of structure and musical terminology.

The **Geography** focus for this term will be learning about the rainforest and comparing a South American country with the United Kingdom.

As part of **Computing**, the children will be following a unit which focuses on databases.

Throughout the year in **Religious Education** we will be looking at similarities between the major world religions, the theme for the first half term is 'Love'.

Within **Art** we will be developing our drawing and painting skills.

The themes for **PSHE** are 'Being Me in My World' and 'Celebrating Differences'.

Physical Education

May we take this opportunity to remind you that the children should have their PE kits in school at all times. Children without their kits are unable to participate and are missing an important part of the curriculum. PE will be on a **Tuesday** and a **Thursday**. **Initially both sessions will be outside**, so the children need to make sure that they have warm clothing on the colder days and that their footwear is suitable for sport. Within the first half term the children will be learning about invasion games, followed by dance in the second half term (this will be indoors).

Homework

Spellings will be given out on a **Friday** and tested on the following **Wednesday**.

In order to assist their spelling and literacy skills the children will be given a **Word Challenge** every **Friday**, which should be completed and handed in by the following **Wednesday**.

Times tables will be tested weekly (on a **Thursday**) within a timed situation. The tables will vary depending on the needs of the individual. The children should then try to improve their time each week. **It is very important that the children regularly work on their times tables at home.**

The children will be given **Maths** homework on a **Wednesday**, which should be completed and handed in on the following **Monday**.

Regular **Reading** (**particularly to an adult**) is also part of homework expectations. This applies to both children on the school reading scheme and for those who are 'Free Readers'.

For some children homework can be difficult to manage, so please encourage your child to speak with us about any issues.

General

The '**New to Year 5**' parents' information session will be held in the **Year 5** classroom on **Thursday, 13th September, at 9 o'clock**.

If there are any parents/carers who are able to spare some time to help the children with reading or times tables, we would be most grateful. In order to help in school, you must be DBS checked (the forms can be obtained from the office). We were wondering if there are any parents who would be willing to volunteer to help within the classroom during specific lessons. If this is the case please complete the timetable below.

We have a very exciting residential trip planned to **Woodrow High House** from **Wednesday 17th to Friday 19th October**. More details of the trip will follow shortly, including a date for an after school meeting with one of the Woodrow staff.

We look forward to meeting you and please do not hesitate to ask if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely

Alex Jeavons and Cynthia Euler-Charlton

Year 5 In Class Volunteers

Wednesday	Thursday
Numeracy 9.15 – 10.00	Numeracy 9.15 – 10.00
Literacy 11.10 – 12.15	Literacy 11.10 – 12.15

Volunteer Name: _____

Email address: _____