

# Granby Primary School

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## Year 5 Curriculum Newsletter

### Autumn 2018

#### English

During autumn we will be looking at narrative poetry and creating our own poems. There will also be a book study of *Friend or Foe* by Michael Morpurgo. In addition to this, children will be looking at grammar, spelling and handwriting every week.

#### Mathematics

From now until Christmas, units will include: number and place value; mental and written methods for addition and subtraction; decimals, percentages and their equivalence to fractions; and time, including 24 hour timetables.

#### Science

This term we will look to develop an understanding of forces as well as studying light.

#### Computing

We will begin this term by giving the children an introduction to spreadsheets and also looking at databases.



## PE

During autumn we will look to develop skills in basketball and begin to use these in match situations. Following this we will look at creating sequences in gymnastics.

## RE

From now until half term the children will be looking at the Old Testament, using the Bible Explorer programme. After this the children will look at Sikhism, in particular what is a Gurdwara / who was Guru Nanak?

## History

This term we will look at The Anglo Saxons: who were they and how did they impact on British History?

## Geography

We will begin after half term by looking at the geographical features of North America.

## Art & Design

During autumn we will begin by creating a moving beast, involving the use of levers.

## PSHE

From now until Christmas we will be looking at 'New Beginnings', 'Coping with Change' and also 'Getting On and Falling Out'.

## French

This term the children will be revising the vocabulary learned in Year 4, learning how to describe their families and pets.

## Music

We will begin this term by looking at rhythm and pulse with children learning how to create simple rhythmic pieces.

## Important Information

- Reading and library books: some children will participate in the Accelerated Reader scheme, which develops their comprehension. Other children will work through colour-banded books. Children should read regularly at home as well as reading in school.
- Spellings lists will be sent home, practised in class and tested in class every four weeks.
- Times tables: Year 5 children should know all their times tables to 12 x 12. We use many fun methods in school to support this but many children benefit from extra practice at home.
- Homework will be given out on a **Thursday** and be due back the following **Tuesday**.
- PE will be on Monday for 5G, Tuesday for 5B & 5C and Friday for 5DM. Your child is expected to have full PE kit in school at all times – this includes a change of footwear and a tracksuit in colder weather. Jewellery must be removed at home and long hair tied back.
- Children are encouraged to bring a water bottle to school each day to stay hydrated.
- Children are encouraged to bring a bag to school to take home letters, homework, etc.
- Letters regarding trips and visitors will be given out in the coming weeks.