

# 5/6G Newsletter

## Spring 2017

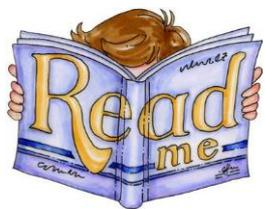
Welcome back! After a fruitful and busy Autumn Term, we are straight back into it for the New Year. There will be many exciting opportunities for the children to learn and grow this term and I am looking forward to sharing these times with you all. *Mrs Green*

### Literacy

This first half term we will be using poetry and rhyme as the overarching theme for our literacy lessons.

Initially we will be focusing on narrative poetry and using the poem, "Albert and the Lion". This poem will allow us to delve into a range of spelling, grammar and punctuation learning, as well as providing inspiration for writing in different genres. Towards the end of the half term we will be looking at specific nursery rhymes, such as Humpty Dumpty, and learning about their historical significance. This will support report writing and research skills.

Throughout all our writing we will continue to focus on developing our knowledge and understanding of grammar, spelling and punctuation. We will write in the first and third person, choosing which will be most effective in particular piece of writing. We will also begin to work on our key words and tricky words for Years 5 and 6.



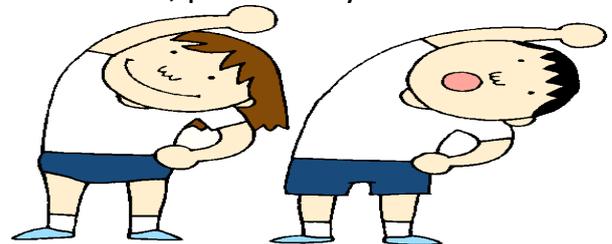
### Numeracy

Maths lessons will focus on fractions, decimals and percentages this term, starting with fractions. We will look at the relationship between these areas and how to complete calculations. Times table rock starts will continue on a daily basis. The children should continue to access Mathematics at home and as always, please support your child in practising their times tables and related division facts at home.



### Science

During the first half term, we will be learning about the effects of diet and exercise on the body. We will consider our choices, particularly with food.



After half term we will learn about evolution and inheritance. We will learn about scientists and scientific discoveries in this field. Hopefully, we will also have the opportunity to attend a science workshop at Oldham College.

## History

Our topic for this half term is the changing role of the Monarchy. We will learn about the reigns of a range of Kings and Queens of Britain, with a greater focus on the time of the English civil war.

After half term we will be switching our focus to Geographical studies.



## RE

In RE we will be focusing on beliefs in God and the different ways that people approach their beliefs.

We will be considering the importance of understanding the differences between people and learning to work together in respect.

## Weekly Routines.

**PE** – This takes place every Thursday. P.E. kits should be in school at all times.

**Homework**- English and maths are given on Friday and should be returned by Wednesday.

**Spellings** are given out every Monday and should be learned for the following week

**Reading** – Reading books need to be read on a regular basis. The children have the opportunity to change their reading books up to three times a week. The children also have the opportunity to choose a library book from the school library each week.

**Times Table Rockstars** – This takes place daily. Please encourage your children to practise at home.

## SATs

A reminder that the testing week for year 6 is set nationally and this year will be during week commencing Monday 8th May 2017. There is no writing test paper therefore the writing levels will be based on teacher assessments over a period of time. There will be a spelling, punctuation and grammar test, a reading test and three mathematics papers during the week.

The year 6 children will be invited into school for extra revision classes every Tuesday and Thursday starting at 08:15am. The first session will be on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2017 and will continue up until SATs week in May. Please ensure your child is on time for these extra sessions.

It is also likely that we will be running some revision classes during the school's two week Easter holiday to help the children feel confident about the test expectations. Details of these will come out later this term and you will receive a letter about this closer to the time.

## Other Curriculum Areas

**PSHE** – Looking after money

**Art** – Head dresses – linked to the monarchy.

**MFL** – What's in the news?

**Music** – Don't Stop Believing – Charanga music

## Computing

In computing we will be learning in more detail about computer networks and how the internet can provide multiple services. We will consider the many uses of the internet and what it actually is.

We will also create non-linear presentations containing hyperlinks.