

# Class 5T Newsletter

## January 2018

Hello and welcome back to the new school term, I hope you have had a lovely break over the festive period and enjoyed spending time with loved ones. I hope everyone is looking forward to the new school term ahead and ready to make 2018 the best year yet!

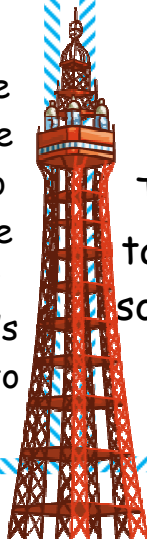


### Literacy

During this term, 5T we will be exploring the poem 'Albert and the Lion' by Marriott Edgar.

We will be investigating the range of vocabulary used in the poem and how the style of writing effects the meaning of the text. We will also be looking at informal and formal writing and develop our knowledge of technical vocabulary.

We will be writing character descriptions about the different characters which come across in the poem. Then, we will be acting out the characters thoughts and feelings to put into a diary entry of Wallace the Lion. We will also be writing letters of complaint to the zoo from Albert's family and then become detectives to write police reports.

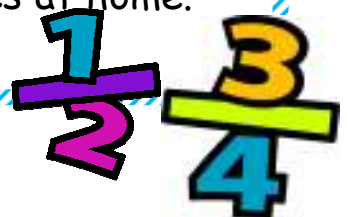


### Maths

In maths this term, we will be learning statistics and fractions. The children will be using their knowledge of these areas of maths, to solve a range of problem solving activities and putting these skills into real-life situations.

The children are continuing using Mathletics, which they can access on the computer at school and at home.

Times Tables Rockstar's is still taking place every day at school, so please encourage your child to learn their tables at home.



## Science



This term in Science we will be learning about Animals including humans. We will be exploring about the different changes which happen to humans through the stages of life. Then we will use our knowledge of humans and compare similarities and differences of gestation with mammals and birds.



## R.E.

We will be learning about the topic 'why do some people believe God exists?'. We will investigate why people believe in God and investigate facts, beliefs and opinions on different arguments people believe in about God. We will also investigate on what Christians believe in and how the world began and make decisions on if all people believe in God. This learning will allow us to prepare and make a balanced argument.

## History

In our history this term, we will be exploring the notorious Vikings. We will understand where in the world they came from and why did they settle in Britain. We will explore what they succeeded and failed and learn about key figures such as Cnut the Great.

## Other curriculum areas

**Art** – in Art we will be focusing on Norse artefacts, which is linked to our Viking topic.

**Computing** – we will be using a range of digital media.

**Music** – we will listening to 'Make you feel my love' by Adele and performing the song.

## Weekly Routines

**PE** - PE will be taken place every Monday afternoon, with an outside PE specialist. Please make sure you have your PE kit ready at the start of each week.

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

**Spellings** – spelling homework is given out every Monday and should be learnt for the following week.

**Reading** - Reading books need to be read on a regular basis and rewards will be given out to those who read consistently. The children have the opportunity to change their reading books three times a week. The children also have the opportunity to choose a library book from the school library each week. Please check if your child has been reading weekly.

## Dates for your diary

16<sup>th</sup> January - children with excellent attendance will be invited to our annual pantomime