



Dear Parents/Carers,

We would like to say a massive Well Done to all of the Year 5 children, who have settled into the Year 5 life amazingly – they have been showing great learning behaviours throughout this term and we can't wait to welcome them back after the Christmas break! We are saying a sad 'Goodbye' to Miss Cox, who is pursuing a different career; and a cheery 'Welcome' to Miss Smith who will be joining the team in Gravestock Class.

**Spring 2** – Awesome Authors

**Summer 1 – We are Geographers!** We will be studying the river Nene. We will be going to Everdon Outdoor Learning Centre, where the children will carry out a river study. The approximate cost of this trip is £20.

**Summer 2 – Let's grow** During the summer months, we'll be growing our own vegetables.



### History Detectives – Shang Dynasty

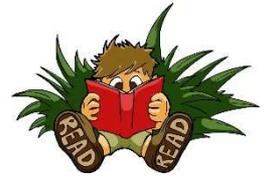
This term, our theme will be taking us back in time to The Shang Dynasty of Ancient China. We will look at the achievements of this earliest civilization and discover more about it by looking at various artefacts and different sources of information. Our WOW days will begin in modern day China celebrating culture and seasonality as we research and design food products. The children will use their research to help them design and make their own dish for our Chinese restaurant.



### English

In English, we will be reading Michael Morpurgo's story 'King of the Cloud Forests', which is a fantasy story set in China. We will be learning how to write our own fantasy story, which follows the structure of a 'tale of fear'. Our focus will be on how we can write to create a great setting description. We will then move on to using persuasive devices to construct a magazine article. To support your child at home, please ask them about their writing targets. Our poetry focus will be on Kenning Poetry and will be a great opportunity to explore new vocabulary.





## **Reading**

It is essential that children read at least three times per week to develop their fluency and understanding. Children will be rewarded for reading. If children are finding it difficult to read at home, they should speak to their class teacher about when they can use the library. Children can read alone, with a sibling or a parent. Your child's reading will need to be written in their reading log each time they read and then they are given a raffle ticket, increasing their chances of being awarded 30 additional bonus Early Bird points! Your child has a subscription to [www.oxfordowl.co.uk](http://www.oxfordowl.co.uk) where they can read e-books.

## **Spellings**

Children will be set spellings to learn each week and these should be practised at least three times per week to support spelling lessons in school. Your child has a subscription to [www.spellingshed.com](http://www.spellingshed.com) where they are able to practise their spellings and compete against others if they want to.

## **Maths**

We will start our learning with lessons about multiplication and division; the focus will be on calculating mentally as well as through more formal, written methods. We will then move on to fractions, where the children will learn to recognise and understand equivalent fractions as well as learning to calculate with them.

## **Times tables**

By the end of Year 4, children should be able to recall all their times tables and related division facts up to 12 x 12. During Year 5, we continually practise these so that they can be recalled at greater speed and then applied during harder Maths problems. Times tables and division facts are something that can be practised at any time of day and in any place. Your child has a subscription to Times Table Rockstars. If you could keep practising with your child, we will all become times table superstars!



We hope you have a very Happy Christmas and New Year, and look forward to seeing you in 2019!

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