



Dear Parents/Carers,

This term, the children have grown so much. As Year 5's they have shown all of our values and continued to show excellent learning behaviours. The whole of the Year 5 team are delighted with how our new staff have settled into their roles in 2019. Next term will be very exciting too; read on to find out about all the fantastic learning opportunities for the children...

### **Trips and Visitors for the year**

**Spring 2 – Awesome Authors.** If we raise enough money at our Chinese Restaurant, we are hoping to have author Marcus Alexander visit in this term.

**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.



### **Awesome Authors!**

This term, our theme will allow us to explore the skill of the author. The main author we will study is Marcus Alexander. He has written some amazing books but we will be focusing on the Keeper of the Realm series where we will get to meet the main character, Charlie Keeper. Charlie lives in a fantasy world and you can find out more about her and all of the books in the series on the website [www.whoischarliekeeper.com](http://www.whoischarliekeeper.com)

To help us really understand the books we study we will be using drama techniques and to help inspire our own writing we will be using a range of art projects developing our skills with clay and also in sketching. Our WOW days will be dedicated to studying one of the characters in Charlie's fantasy world and creating a representation of the character in clay.



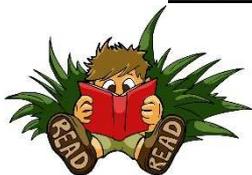
## **English**

In English, we will be learning how to write our own fantasy story, which follows the structure of a 'finding tale'. Our focus will be on how we can write to create great characters as strong and compelling as Charlie Keeper. We will then move on to looking at biographies and towards the end of term we will use the picture book, Tell Me a Dragon to inspire us to write some amazing poetry. To support your child at home, please ask them about their writing targets.



## **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. 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.

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## **Maths**

We will continue our learning about fractions, and their relationship to multiplication, division and the wider number system. We will be adding fractions, comparing them and using our prior knowledge of mixed numbers and improper fractions in calculations. All of the work on fractions will set us up nicely for our work on percentages and decimals later on. Year 5 are looking forward to some magnificent mathematics next term!



## **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!

Have a super break and tell us about all your adventures when you return.

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