

# Bodsham Church of England Primary School

**Year 5 OWLS CLASS NEWSLETTER - SPRING TERM 2019**

Dear Parents,

Welcome back for a new calendar year, and may we wish a happy 2019 to you all. We hope you had a wonderful Christmas, and that you and your children are ready for more busy times which lie ahead of us. We are very excited about and are looking forward to what is to come and thank you in advance for all the support that you give to your child at home. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our Viking Museum that takes place in the school hall at 2pm on 3<sup>rd</sup> April, just before the Easter break. More information will be given later on this term.

## **Literacy (Year 5)**

In Literacy we will cover:

- Non-fiction - Recounts. Using the context of UFOs, children will explore recounts investigating genuine documents, discussing famous sightings and researching notorious hoaxes. Children will write a diary entry and create their own hoax UFO photo and report
- Poems on a theme (Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats). Children will be focusing on descriptive language as well as writing and editing our own poems.
- Journey to Jo'Burg - we will be using this hard-hitting book to explore a range of writing genres as well as carrying out research into the historical issues around South Africa and its peoples.
- Fiction - Short Stories. In this unit, children will read a range of short stories, explore techniques used and will write their own.

Within these genres, we will be strengthening our reading and writing skills, using different texts and contexts, and studying various elements of grammar, punctuation and spelling.

Please continue to encourage your child to read and discuss a range of genres of text on a regular basis. Even one to two pages per night is extremely beneficial to your child's learning.

## **Numeracy (Year 5)**

In Numeracy we will be covering the following areas:

- Formal multiplication and division
- Fractions, decimals and percentages.

Please continue to help your child to practice and revise their times tables; times tables remain a focus in school in upper KS2 and a strong knowledge of these and the ability to recall them quickly enable children to grasp and move through mathematical tasks more easily.

## Other curriculum areas

We shall be studying the following subjects in the other curriculum areas:

	Spring January - April	
Subject	Term 3	Term 4
Class Values & RE	Class Value - Resilience  RE - People of God How can following God bring freedom and justice?	Class Value - Patience  RE - Salvation - What did Jesus do to save human beings?
Topic	Raging Rivers	The Vikings (including creating our own Viking Museum)
Science	Stem - Space	Light
Computing	Film making	
P.E.	Badminton	Gymnastics Invasion Games

## Homework

Homework will continue to be sent out on a Thursday and should be handed in on a Tuesday. We will be changing the format, with tasks being given weekly. Most maths homework will be available on-line via the [mymaths.co.uk](http://mymaths.co.uk) website. Children are expected to complete this weekly. If there is a problem accessing the website, please inform me ASAP. Literacy homework will usually be given in the form of a task to be completed in their homework books. In addition, this term we will be trialing a new music website that we have bought into. Children will have the opportunity to bring recorders home and to follow a program that will teach them the basics of playing this instrument as well as music theory. This will enhance our music lessons, where children can use the recorders in parts of the lessons. More details of this will be given separately. This will replace the family learning tasks (or desserts on the old 'menu-style' homework sheets)

## Spellings

Children are taught spellings in school through regular spelling lessons in order to support their understanding of spelling rules. Spellings lists will be given out at the beginning of term and should be kept in a safe place to ensure children can access them. Children will be tested on these on a Friday morning.

It is vital that the children get into a good routine of learning their spellings so please continue to encourage them to learn them at home. Little and often is a good motto for learning spellings - reminders and checks on a daily basis will help them to secure them in their memory.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs E Smith, Mrs Record & Mrs Allen  
Class Teachers