

Dear Parents/Carers,

## Year 5 Curriculum Letter – Spring term

Welcome back to Hollyfield! We hope you have had an enjoyable and restful Christmas and have enjoyed celebrating the festive season. Below you will find some key information about the term ahead and the areas of the curriculum that we will be focusing on.



### English

During our English lessons this half term, we will focus on non-fiction that is linked to the children's topic and science unit of Space. We will be learning about stories from other cultures and linking this to PSHE and British Values.

### Maths

In Maths we will be continuing to focus on the four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division) and how we can use both mental and written methods to solve real life problems. Over the course of the term, we will also be investigating decimals, fractions and percentages and analysing statistics and data.

There is a strong emphasis on the children's times table knowledge as this is a vital skill which will help them in many other areas of maths. We would appreciate your continued support with this at home.

### P.E.

We will have P.E. each week (usually on a Monday). Although we have timetabled sessions, these can change due to weather or other circumstances, therefore it is important that your child has their P.E. kit in school every day. This should include a white T-shirt, blue shorts, pumps and trainers. During colder weather you may wish to provide your child with tracksuit bottoms and a jumper for outdoor PE, however they will still be required to wear shorts for indoor lessons. All earrings should be removed before school on these days to avoid loss or injury. Please ensure that your child has a water bottle in school every day.

### French

In French, the children will learn how to say the date and when their birthdays are. We will learn parts of the body and begin to work on physical descriptions.

### Homework and Reading

**Homework will be set every Friday** for both English, spellings and Maths and will be due **back in on Wednesday at the latest**. If your child has any concerns about the homework, it is important that they see us about it before it is due in so that appropriate support and guidance can be given.



Children should continue to read every day at home and record comments in the reading record provided at least three times a week. Reading continues to be a high focus and we would appreciate your support in encouraging your child to read a variety of genres. If you do not have a particular genre at home, please come and speak to a member of the year 5 team who will help you with this matter. Reading records will be checked on a weekly basis. Children also have access to books on line with bug club which they may prefer to read.

### **Topic**



Over the next term, we will be learning about Space. The work will focus predominantly on science, but will also include skills from other areas of the curriculum including art, geography, music and D.T.

### **British Values**

The focus for this term will be on equity and being fair and just. These values will not only help the children to learn to work in harmony with their peers but will also help them resolve conflicts that they may face

in later life.

We thank you for your support and look forward to meeting you all throughout the course of the term.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Welch and Mr Lloyd

Year 5 Teachers

