

20th April 2018



Dear Parents/Carers,

Year 5 Curriculum Letter – Summer term

Welcome back to Hollyfield! We hope you have had a fabulous Easter holiday. Below you will find some key information about the term ahead and the areas of the curriculum that we will be focusing on.

This term our topics will be 'Ultimate explorer' and our Science will be 'Forces' and 'Materials'.

P.E. should take place on Mondays and Fridays, and as the weather improves we will endeavour to take the children outside as much as possible. Please ensure that your child has the appropriate **indoor and outdoor P.E. kit in school every day**.

We will also be doing swimming in the summer term. 5L will be going for the first half of the term starting on Tuesday 24th April in the morning. You will receive a separate letter regarding swimming. 5W will be going after half term.

We have also got Warwickshire cricket club coming in to coach the children in preparation for a cricket tournament later in the summer term. This will be every other Friday.

In **English** we will be studying Rap poetry and fantasy fiction. As always we will be continuing to work on our reading comprehension skills. We will look at how stories vary based upon the time and place they were written in and the background of the author. 'The Highwayman' will be our class shared text and we will be basing some of our written work on this book.

In **Maths** we will be focusing on problem solving and using the four operations (+ - x and ÷) to solve word problems. Problem solving will focus on applying the skills that the children have learned to use in real life situations.



Through our **topic** 'Ultimate explorers', we will be using a range of skills to learn about North and South America. We will be developing our understanding of human and physical features. Furthermore, we will be identifying the position and significance of latitude, longitude, the Greenwich

Meridian and Time zones. In addition to this, we will be using design and technology skills to build a model raft.

British Values

We will be learning about democracy and comparing this to the other modern day countries around the world. We will also be learning about the importance of community in the UK and around the world.

We already know the interest you take in your child's work. If you can, please discuss with your child the work they have done as the term progresses and let them teach you if you can. If you have any comments about the work your child is going to do, please get in touch.

Useful web links

Maths

<http://www.mathszone.co.uk/>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/ks2bitesize/maths/>

<http://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

English

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/stories/theme/world/> (although aimed at younger children – has a range of stories from around the world)

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/ks2bitesize/english/> (has reading, writing and spelling and grammar activities)

As always, we thank you for your continued support,

Mr Welch and Mr Lloyd

Year 5 Teachers

