

## PE and Swimming

Year 5 have swimming on a Thursday morning. Please ensure your child has their swimming kit in school on this day. We also have PE on Tuesday for 5W and Wednesday for 5C. Please ensure that your child has their PE kit on for both of their days.

## Homework

Pupils receive homework every Friday. This includes:

- learning the weekly spellings
- reading each night for at least 15 minutes and having their reading record signed.
- grammar or reading comprehension work
- maths

Homework needs to be returned by the following Wednesday when this will be marked in class. Your child will receive a stamp for each piece of work completed. 20 stamps by the end of term = a prize!

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Own choice book	The wolves of Willoughby Chase Joan Aiken	Boy in the girls bathroom Louise Sachar	Hatchett Gary Paulsen	Everest Sangma Francis
Street Child Berlie Doherty	Galaxy of her own Libby Jackson	Own choice book	The boy at the back of the class Oguz Q Rauf	Vargah Paw SFSaid
Ask your teacher to recommend a book	Asha and the Spirit Bird Jasbinder Bilan	One Plastic Bag Miranda Paul	The Nowhere Emporium Rose Mackenese	Own choice book
Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children Ransom Riggs	The Secrets of a Sun King Emma Carroll	Ask your teacher to recommend a book	Own choice book	Iguana Boy James Bishop and Rikin Parekh
World's Worst Teachers David Williams	Own choice book	Blackberry Blue Jamilia gavin	Asterix the Gaul: Album 1 René Goscinny and Albert Uderzo	Silly Verse for Kids Spike Milligan

Bronze Award - 8 books

Silver Award - 15 books

Gold Award - 25 books

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## Parent's Evening

We enjoyed meeting you last term, albeit virtually. Our parents' evening this term is on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2022 via Teams. If you have any queries during the year, please come and speak to your child's class teacher. Letters will be sent out soon.



'Growing Together in Newtown'  
*Lifelong Aspirations, Lifelong Prospects*

Your child's learning in Year 5

Spring Term

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## Reading

We will be reading Frank Cottrell Boyce's book 'Millions: The not-so-great-Train Robbery'. Throughout the week, pupils will develop their reading skills, by exploring the vocabulary and making inferences about the text.

Each week your child will read a book with the teacher in a small group which is matched to their reading ability. A home reader book will be sent home for your child to read with you. Please sign their reading record to show they have read. Each time your child reads at home and their diary is signed, they will receive a stamp on their reward chart.



## Reading Challenge

Your child should be on track for their Silver Award by the end of the Spring Term. Therefore they should have read a total of 15 books. These books have been specially chosen to enable your child to experience a range of age-appropriate texts. Let's get reading!



## RE

This term pupils will be learning about places of worship. They will then explore the question: What do Christians believe Jesus did to save human beings? We will take part in collective worship each day.

## PSHE



During the first half of the term we will be discussing our dreams and goals. Following on, we will be looking at how to keep healthy.



## Writing

We will begin with a narrative unit, where we will be reading a short suspense story 'Treasure'. Your child will explore the text and practise writing skills to help them develop their ideas before writing their own short suspense story.

Spellings will be given out on a Friday and will be tested the following Thursday. We will be learning them in school, but would your child to practise these at home as well. The children are encouraged to use these words in their writing.

## Science

As scientists, we will develop our understanding of the properties of materials. This will include exploring dissolving and how heat or stirring can affect this. We will explore how some mixtures can be separated using sieving, filtering and/or evaporation. We will also learn the difference between a reversible and an irreversible change.

Your child will also develop their scientific enquiry skills through investigating some of the above ideas.



## DT

This term pupils will explore how wind turbines are constructed and work. They will then use their own construction skills to evaluate, plan and make a wind turbine.

## Music

As musicians, we will be listening to jazz music. Some of us will continue to learn our instruments. These lessons are on Thursday afternoons.



## Maths



As mathematicians, we will start by revisiting our number knowledge. We will then move to focus on multiplication and division, length, height, weight and volume.

To enable the children to become confident with these skills, it is important that they are proficient with times tables. All children are still able to access Times Tables Rockstars, just like they did last year, so log in and see if you have what it takes to be a Rockstar.

## Geography

As geographers, we will be learning about Asia. We will be expanding pupils locational and place knowledge as well as their understanding of human and physical geography by studying mountains, earthquakes, and volcanoes throughout the continent of Asia. Your child will then have the opportunity to show their as they answer the following question: What are natural disasters and how do they impact the lives of people living in Asia?



## French

As linguists we will learn to understand and say the names of vegetables in French. We will learn to talk about food likes and dislikes. We will ask for someone's opinion in French. We will name and find places where French is spoken on a map. We will learn weather and transport words in French. We will learn days of the week in French. We will talk in French about ways in which people travel.