

# Year 5 Newsletter

## Autumn Term 1



### **Dear Parents / Carers:**

Welcome back to a new year at Brampton Primary School.

The Year 5 teachers are very excited about the year ahead and are looking forward to all the fantastic learning that will be going on. All the children across the cohort are capable of progressing in the way that Brampton children do and we are eager to ensure this happens.

We look forward to working with everyone involved in Year 5, the children, parents and adults. It is going to be a wonderful year.

### **Home Learning and Reading Records:**

A new home learning structure has been set and sent home outlining how you can support your child in structuring their work. Our focus will be on the key skills of reading and arithmetic. We hope the structure is supportive and clear but if you need any further clarification please do not hesitate to ask your child's class teacher.

Currently, the only books being sent home will be a maths journaling book and their reading record. If you feel your child needs an additional home learning task, please ask your child's class teacher for supplementary sheets.

Reading records will be checked daily and your child will be expected to read for at least 20/30 minutes per day and to write a short summary of what they have read. Please sign their reading record regularly.

### **The Year 5 Team**

**Australia:**  
Miss Masztalir

**Japan:**  
Mr Rahman

**Madagascar:**  
Miss Yapp

**New Zealand:**  
Miss Begum

**HLTA**  
Harjit Panesar

**Year Group Leader:**  
Miss Natasha Masztalir

If you have any questions or concerns, please approach your child's class teacher

## Dates for this term's educational visits

In line with our wider curriculum topic based on ancient civilizations, the pupils will be visiting the British Museum. Pupils will be required to wear school uniform and appropriate footwear. All classes will attend each trip on the same day. Visit dates are provided below:

### Gurdwara

Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> September, 2016

### British Museum (all classes):

Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> October, 2016



## PE Days

Australia: Tuesday and Wednesday

Japan: Tuesday and Wednesday

Madagascar: Wednesday and Thursday

New Zealand: Wednesday and Thursday

Please ensure that your child has their PE kit, including a change of shoes. Your child may still require a bottle of water and some sunscreen whilst the weather remains warm.

Your child should bring their PE kit to school on Tuesday and take it home to wash on Thursday.

## Curriculum

### This term's topics:

#### English:

**Myths** - How can I use descriptions, speech and characterisation to create well structured, dynamic and interesting myths? The children will be developing skills in a range of areas: understanding and interpreting texts, engaging with and responding to texts, writing imaginative descriptions for both characters and setting and using speech.

**Poetic Style** – How can I use word play, rhyme, metaphor and personification to create interesting and imaginative poetry? The children will be developing skills in a range of areas: understanding and interpreting texts, engaging with and responding to texts, creating and shaping texts and presenting.

#### Maths:

##### **Number and Place Value**

Our focus for the first half term will be on consolidating number skills for values up to 1 million. Through the Maths No Problem! scheme, pupils will also further their reasoning and problem solving skills through use of the concrete-pictorial-abstract approach.

#### Wider Curriculum:

**Achievements of the earliest civilisations-** What have we learnt from ancient civilisations? This will include an overview of Ancient Egypt, The Indus Valley, The Shang Dynasty and Ancient Sumer.

**Science: Life Cycles** – How do the life-cycles of different plants and animals affect our world?

**Religious Education:** What do religions and world views believe about God?