



Dear Parents and Carers,

Please find below a brief summary of the themes that Year 5 will be studying during Autumn Term 2.

**English:**

The children will look at Narrative Poetry (The Highwayman) in detail, looking at different characters from the poem and their motives for their actions. They will engage in drama and discussion and then plan and present an abridged version orally and visually. Children will discuss and reflect on their personal responses to the poem. They will also be involved in creating Observational poetry based on insect.

Non Fiction – Persuasive and Instructional text-Looking at features of persuasive writing and formulating persuasive arguments for and against a topic relevant to school life. They will be writing Christmas recipes using instructional text.

***Useful websites:*** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gq6dNQiXYtA>

**Mathematics:**

Children will work on solving multi-step problems involving fractions, decimals and percentages. Calculating the perimeter and area of regular and irregular shapes. Ordering fractions, finding fractions and percentages of whole-number quantities. Reflections and translations and interpreting and reading timetables and other bars and charts.

***Useful websites:*** <http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/maths/number/>  
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/maths/data/>

**Science and Technology:**

The Earth and Space.

We will study the shapes and relative sizes of the Earth, Sun and Moon, how they move in relation to each other and how these movements relate to night and day.

***Useful websites:*** <http://solarsystem.nasa.gov/planets/profile.cfm?Object=Earth>

**Time and Place:**

The children will continue to study WW1 including Remembrance service on 9/11/18 and a life of individual heroes. In addition to our weekly Mandarin lessons, we will be studying architectural features of famous buildings and exploring landscape within China. We will be visiting the Ashmolean museum at Oxford.

***Useful websites:*** <http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/topics/zqhyb9q/resources/1>

**Arts and Creativity:**

As a class children will be involved designing and creating Christmas cards. They will be sketching and painting School pond and creating Chinese art.

**Physical and Emotional Health:**

The children will continue to learn skills for Football, Rugby and Netball. In addition to this they will be creating individual and paired gymnastic sequences.

**Ethics and Citizenship:**

This term the children will be learning about peer pressure, how it may affect them in day to day life and how to deal with such issues effectively. They will also be thinking about responsibilities they undertake both in and out of school.

**Faith and Belief:**

The children will study the Christmas Story and how we interpret this in the modern day.

**Homework:**

Children should take their homework book home every day, in it they record their homework and also anything else that they need to remember for the next day. If there is anything that you would like to comment on, please feel free to do so in their diary (This does not include notes about absence or medical appointments etc).

Our Breakfast 'Booster Club' sessions are proving very popular again. If you are not sending your child at the moment we do urge you to reconsider. Classes run from Monday – Thursday.

Yours faithfully.

*Mrs Brown, Mrs Herr and Mrs Din*