

# Term 3 Class Newsletter 2024

## Miss Gascoigne's Class News for the Term Ahead



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### Welcome back Year 5

I hope you have all had a great break. As the months continue to be cold, please can you make sure that your child has a coat and maybe even a change of shoes in the cold weather. Could you also make sure that your child has their name on everything so that they are easy to find.

When the children have PE, they should continue to wear their Bitham Brook PE kit into school with the school jumper over the top (if weather conditions require a jumper). Please note the Bitham Brook PE kit is a plain white t-shirt and black shorts/leggings/tracksuit with trainers. Other sports clothing is not acceptable as it is important that, as a school, we have pride in our appearance. It is important that children do not attend school in casual clothing as we want to maintain the children's sense of education being important; pride in their appearance; and belonging to Bitham Brook.

### Learning this Term

#### Maths

In Maths, we will be continuing our unit on Multiplication, using written methods to multiply numbers by 1 and 2 digit numbers. The children will then be looking at fractions including multiplying fractions as well as finding fractions of a quantity.

#### Writing

Our writing will be linked to our class book, 'Boy Giant' by Michael Morpurgo as well as our previous science topic of space. We will start by writing a balanced argument on whether money should be spent going into space. We will then focus our skills on writing a formal letter using knowledge recalled from year 4.

#### Reading

During reading we will be working our way through our class book 'Boy Giant' by Michael Morpurgo, and interrogate the text using a variety of skills. The children will be able to continue with their own reading and testing their understanding using Accelerated Reader.

#### PSHE

Our PSHE topic this term is called 'Dreams and Goals'. In this unit, children will identify their own dreams and goals, how to help achieve these as well as what impact having a positive attitude can have.

#### Science

In Science, we will be looking at Properties and Changes of Materials. The children will compare and group together everyday materials on the basis of their properties, including their hardness, solubility, transparency, conductivity (electrical and thermal), and response to magnets. They will use knowledge of solids, liquids and gases to decide how mixtures might be separated, including through filtering, sieving and evaporating.

#### Art

In Art this term, we will be looking at the skill of print making. We will be creating prints based on local landscapes.

#### Geography

We will be learning about North America and water. They will learn about the water cycle, building on their science knowledge from year 4. They will learn about the journey a river takes starting at the source and flowing to the mouth of the river. The unit will end with the children using scales on maps to measure the lengths of rivers.

#### Computing

In Computing, we will be looking at document information technology.

#### Physical Education

In PE, we will be focussing on the sport of Netball. The children will build on their netball skills learnt in term 1, applying techniques to help defend the ball while passing it up the court. The children will also participate in dance sessions.

#### Music

We will be learning about popular music, focusing on an 80s song called Small Town Boy by Bronski Beat. We will be improvising over a simple groove responding to the beat as well as playing melodies on tuned percussion.

#### RE

This term, the children will be focusing on the religion of Sikhism. They will be discussing the question 'Are Sikh stories important today?'

### Homework

Spellings. Handed out on the first Monday of term. We will not be testing weekly but instead every 4 weeks. Spellings can also be found on the school website.

Continue to read at home.

Continue practicing for times table challenges on Times Table Rock Stars.

PE

Tuesday- Dance

Wednesday-Netball

Friday –Netball



MESSAGES: PLEASE CAN CHILDREN COME IN WITH A WATER BOTTLE EVERY DAY