



# Mosquito Class Autumn Term Curriculum Newsletter 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you and your family have had a lovely summer break. It was so lovely to be able to welcome the children back to school and hear all about their summer. They have settled into Year 5 wonderfully and I am so proud of how they have returned with such an enthusiasm for learning.

This year, we will have the fantastic support of our TA's Miss Sprukte and Mr Chambers. The children already have a great relationship with Mr Chambers and are beginning to make some lovely relationships with myself and Miss Sprukte!

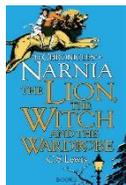
On Thursdays the class will be covered by Mr Cartledge.

## Enquiry

This term, we will be exploring the question 'Our climate is changing – why should we?'. This project has Geography as it's driver, where we will be learning all about the different biomes of the world, what categorises different biomes and how our human actions are impacting on these biomes as well as their impacts on the planet. We will be visiting the Attenborough Nature Reserve to immerse the children in understanding our local habitats and how we can change humans' actions to protect this. Our outcome for this enquiry will be creating a piece of artwork inspired by Rachel Ignotofsky along with QR codes reflecting our findings of the enquiry and what recommendations we would make for change.

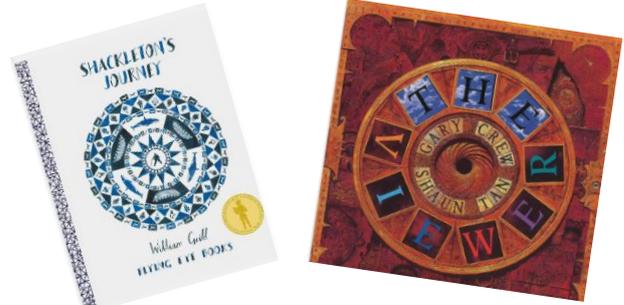
## English

This term our immersive book will be 'The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe' by C. S. Lewis. This half term, we will be creating a setting description followed by a themed topic looking at good vs evil and conflict. This will be followed by a newspaper report and a diary- entry. These will invite us to immerse ourselves into the journey the characters go on through the book and create connections between personal experiences they may face such as conflict and good vs evil.



## Reading

During whole class guided reading, we will be focusing on a range of different skills, across a range of different books. These will include making predictions, defining unfamiliar vocabulary, and



using authors words to paint an image including the adventures of 'Shackleton's journey' which will be our first book. This will be followed by 'The Viewer' – a spooky picture book which encourages children to use their inference and speculation skills to have detailed discussion on their perceptions of images within the book.

Over the next couple of weeks, we will be reading with each child and checking to see if they are ready to move onto the next book band if they are currently accessing this scheme. We will be providing new reading folders with reading diaries for you to keep a reading log in. We expect to see reading records signed at least x3 a week. The children are more than welcome to sign these themselves but at least one of these signatures must be from an adult.

## Book Returns

There have been a number of books that have been taken home but not returned last year across school. These include banded books and library books. Please could you check at home to see if you have any school books and return them as soon as possible. Thank you!

## Science

In Autumn 1, we will be studying 'Living Things and Their Habitats'. This links to our enquiry topic looking at our local habitats. Likewise, this will enhance children's knowledge of how plants and animals reproduce to create new life again linking to our biomes and ecological systems.

In Autumn 2 we will studying Earth and Space.

## Maths

This half term in Maths we will begin by looking at the children's knowledge of number and place value.

These are the some of the small steps that we will be looking at in regard to learning about number in Year 5:

Step 1 Roman numerals to 1,000
Step 2 Numbers to 10,000
Step 3 Numbers to 100,000
Step 4 Numbers to 1,000,000
Step 5 Read and write numbers to 1,000,000
Step 6 Powers of 10
Step 7 10/100/1,000/10,000/100,000 more or less
Step 8 Partition numbers to 1,000,000
Step 9 Number line to 1,000,000
Step 10 Compare and order numbers to 100,000
Step 11 Compare and order numbers to 1,000,000
Step 12 Round to the nearest 10, 100 or 1,000
Step 13 Round within 100,000
Step 14 Round within 1,000,000

## RE

During Autumn term, we will be focusing on Hinduism and Christianity with an insight into the idea of spiritual but non-religious beliefs.

**Autumn 1:** Key question – *What can we learn from great leaders and inspiring examples in today's world?*

**Autumn 2:** Key question – *What is expected of a person in following a religion or belief?*

## Music

Each Thursday morning, we are lucky enough to have specialist music teachers from Inspire coming in to teach the children. Inspire will deliver the National Curriculum objectives for music through these lessons and the children will learn a variety of musical knowledge from pitch, tone, beat and so on.

## Computing

This term we will begin our ICT lessons with systems and searching. Following this, we will move onto creating media with audio. This will support creating our outcome piece for our enquiry project.

## PSHE

We will be using the scheme SCARF for PSHE this year. Autumn 1 & 2 will be focusing on 'Me & My Relationships' and 'Valuing Difference'.

**Autumn 1:** The values of creating great relationships and how these can support or strengthen through collaboration and negotiation.

**Autumn 2:** The values of noticing we are all different and unique in our own way and respecting these characteristics.

## PE

We will have our sports specialist teachers, in on a **Thursday Afternoon and Friday Morning**

**Autumn 1:** Netball and Cricket

**Autumn 2:** Dance

Please can your child bring their kit in for the whole week and keep it on their peg, as sometimes there might be an impromptu PE/active session where they may need their kits.

## General Classroom Notices

It has been a great start to the year so far and it has been lovely to see parents and guardians at drop off and collection.

### School bags and Water Bottles

Please send your child to school each day with their school bag. This helps the children to remember to take things to and from school such as water bottles, jumpers, cardigans and their reading folders.

Please remember to write names into clothing so that it doesn't get lost and can be returned to the right child.

If you have any questions, please come and speak to me in the morning or at the end of the day, or if you need a longer chat, then please feel free to book an appointment at the office. I am really looking forward to working closely with you this year to support your child in making every day count!

## Key Dates

- 22nd September: INSET Day
- 29th September: Non uniform day for MacMillan Cancer Support
- 2nd October: Black History Month
- 18th October: Whole school vaccinations
- 8th November: Individual school photos
- 13th November: Anti-bullying Week – 'Odd Socks Day'
- 17th November: Non uniform day - Children in Need
- 21st-22nd November: Parents meetings
- 8th December: Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner
- 14th December: Nottingham Playhouse Pantomime visit
- 19th December: Year 5/6 Carol Concert
- 22nd December: Non uniform day

Thank you  
Miss Wheatley