

# Year 5 Newsletter – Spring Term

If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to get in contact at the end of the school day, or via an email to the office.

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## Writing:

This term, we are using Mitch Johnson's text, Kick, as the basis to our writing.

We are writing a persuasive letter to a Premier League footballer/football team to raise awareness of child labour and encourage them to look for better options when purchasing their next footballs.

We will also be looking at a non-fiction text, 'The Mars Transmission' to create a non-fiction journal.

Spellings and handwriting are a huge focus this term; children need to be practicing their spellings each week as part of their homework.

## Maths:

As mathematicians, we have been working on our fraction skills, learning how to add and subtract all kinds of fractions including improper and mixed number fractions.

We will then move on to multiplication and division.

To assist with Maths lessons, it is advised that children practice their times tables as part of their homework. We have weekly times table tests.

## Geography:

During Spring 1, we will be focusing on The Americas in Geography; during this topic, we will be learning about North and South America and ultimately answering the question: where would you rather live, Hockley Heath or Death Valley?

## Common Exception Words

accommodate	criticise
accompany	curiosity
according	definite
aggressive	desperate
amateur	develop
ancient	dictionary
apparent	disastrous
appreciate	embarrass
attached	environment
available	equipment
average	equipped
awkward	especially
bargain	exaggerate
bruise	excellent
category	existence
cemetery	explanation
committee	familiar
communicate	foreign
community	forty
competition	frequently
conscience	government
conscious	guarantee
controversy	harass
convenience	hindrance

## Art:

Linking to our Geography topic, we will be learning about the wonderful artist, Frida Kahlo. Each week, we will be learning a new skill to add to our self-portraits, and at the end of the topic we will produce our very own Kahlo-inspired portraits.

## Latin:

In Latin, we will continue to look at word orders and vocabulary. Latin is beneficial for our writing and spellings in all of our lessons.

## PE:

We will be doing both gymnastics and football this term.

## Common Exception Words

immediate	recommend
individual	relevant
interfere	restaurant
interrupt	rhyme
language	rhythm
leisure	sacrifice
lightning	secretary
marvellous	shoulder
mischievous	signature
muscle	sincere
necessary	sincerely
neighbour	soldier
nuisance	stomach
occupy	suggest
occur	symbol
opportunity	system
parliament	temperature
persuade	thorough
physical	twelfth
privilege	variety
profession	vegetable
programme	vehicle
pronunciation	yacht
queue	
recognise	