



# Snapshots of Year 5

What we are learning this half term:

Our main focus for this half term as a class will be consolidating our learning over the year ready for Year 6.

## Maths:

This half term we will be looking at **properties of shape**, including angles for the first two weeks. Then in week 3, we will be moving onto **position and direction** for two weeks. Moving then to **converting units** in week 5 and lastly exploring **volume**. In class we work on a warm, spicy and hot system. The children pick their own challenge for the day and it is encouraging to see so many children challenge themselves to reach for hot. Please encourage your child to practise these mathematical skills in their Maths homework – it is imperative that we revise ready for Year 6 SATS.

## English

Our key text this half term is **Alexander McCall Smith's 'Akimbo Adventures'**. This links to our topic learning of Africa.

Nearing the end of Year 5, this half term is focussed on getting the children revising the key text types:

Week 1: Instructional writing

Week 2: Explanation writing

Week 3: Persuasive writing

Week 4: Report writing: non-chronological

Week 5: Recount writing: diaries

Week 6: Recount writing: newspapers

Each week will see the children revising a key Year 5 SPAG feature, ready for SATS.

## Homework

Homework is **given out on Fridays** and should be **returned by Wednesday**. We recommend that children have a quick look at their homework and see if there is anything they don't understand, to see me on **Monday or Tuesday**. Homework is an expectation and a revision of the week's learning. A class policy is to miss 5 minutes of breaktime if homework is not completed.

## Important Dates:

Dance trip – morning of the 8th July at MAC Birmingham. See letter sent home about uniform.

## Topic

This term we are learning about **Africa**. We are focusing particularly this half term on the kingdom of Benin. After exploring the countries, features and landscapes of Africa last half term in geography, the children will be brushing up on their historical skills. We will also be exploring Africa within our music lessons around South African singing, as well as construction building in DT.

In Science, we will be moving to our new topic this half term around **changes and reproduction** including **life cycles**. The children will learn all about how the animal kingdom evolves and changes, reflecting on our own changes as humans.

Hello,

Another great week from Year 5! I am really proud of how well mannered, respectful and enthusiastic they are.

Please continue to drop your child to school for **8:55am** and **collected at 3:25 pm** – again, **it is really important that your child turns up to school and is collected on time!**

Finally, please have a read through this newsletter to get an idea of what is happening and what we will be learning about. Once again, thank you for your continued support.

Miss Taylor and Miss Roe

## General Reminders

- Please provide your child with a water bottle – it is important that they stay hydrated throughout the day, particularly in summer
- Wear **PE kit on Friday** and **colourful clothes on Thursday**
- Please, if possible, provide your child with some form of bag to carry letters, homework books and reading books.
- **Reading books will be sent out on Wednesdays and returned by Monday** (providing they have returned their last book).