



Happy New Year to you all

Highlights from last term ...

Rudolph Run Again, this year we had so much fun completing our 'Rudolph Run', to support St Michael's Hospice. We were overwhelmed with how much money was raised within our school community. A staggering **£3248** was raised in total... this is absolutely PHENOMENAL and we are so grateful for your incredible efforts in raising so much money. Thank you!



Curriculum and topic this term:

English: To begin this term, the children will complete the Write Stuff unit called, '**One Small Step**', a story about a young girl's rocky journey through life as she pursues her dream. They will finally produce their very own story about a different character with a different dream. In 4/5B, we will be completing a non-chronological report, before moving on to writing based on the traditional tale, '**The Princess & the Pea**', followed by a unit called '**The Present**', a story about how hobbies and interests can change.

Maths: This term, we will be following the objectives outlined in the National Curriculum. Our main foci for this term will be '**Fractions**', '**Multiplication and Division**', and '**Decimals and Percentages**'.

Science: We will be completing lots of exciting lessons linked to our '**Earth and Sun**' topic. The children can start thinking about the different types of materials that exist and their properties and uses, as we will be focusing on '**Properties and Changes in Materials**' afterwards.

Topic: Our main topic this term will be geography-based and our question is '**Why on Earth are there volcanoes?**' The children will be labelling famous volcanoes on an atlas and globe around the world, sketching and labelling volcano layers and looking at aerial photographs of volcanoes.

PSHE: This term, the children will be learning about '**Body image**.' They will explore the importance of self-respect and how this links to their own happiness. In addition, they will be looking at the impact of society and how body image has changed over time.

R.E: Our R.E questions for this term are: '**What does it mean if God is Holy and Loving?**' and '**Why is the Torah so important to Jewish people?**'

Computing: This term, the children will be analysing different websites for purpose and audience and then using these websites to gather information about volcanoes. With this information, they will then create the basics of a webpage on Publisher and learn how to create hyperlinks. The children can finally enjoy sharing their 'websites', and all that they have learnt, with each other.

French: This term we will be learning and exploring key vocabulary, including words and phrases from the topics '**What is the weather?**' and '**Do you have a pet?**'.

DT: In DT this term, the children will be learning about the mechanisms in a pop-up book and explore how they work. They will then be given the opportunity to design, create and evaluate their own Pop-up book.

Reminders

Please help us to keep your children fit and healthy by ensuring that they bring their PE uniform into school for their PE sessions.

5BT– Monday (gymnastics for the 1st half term) & Tuesday (outdoor games).

4/5B – Monday (gymnastics for the 1st half term) & Wednesday (outdoor games).

5R- Tuesday (outdoor games) & Wednesday (gymnastics for the 1st half term.)



As the weather is extremely cold at the moment, it may be handy to pack additional, warmer clothes for children to change into when the need arises.

Children being excused from physical education for a medical reason should bring a note.

If your child is **asthmatic** please could you ensure that they have an inhaler, labelled with their name, in school **at all times!**

As many of you already know, we are a healthy eating school and we would like to remind you that children should only bring in fruit to eat at break times. It is also very important children have a water bottle in school – we strongly encourage children to drink plenty of water throughout the day. Water helps keep them hydrated but also improves their levels of concentration and learning.



UNIFORM

All pupils are required to wear school uniform. Can we remind you that this is: purple jumper (not PE hoodie), white or purple polo shirt both with or without logo, grey trousers or shorts, grey skirt or grey pinafore. On the children's PE day, **they will change into their PE uniform in school**, which is: grey/black joggers or shorts, a purple t-shirt, a purple PE hoodie or jumper and trainers. When children have gymnastics, it is advisable for them to wear shorts. Please ensure all uniform is clearly named. We will be going out for PE regardless of the weather conditions. Therefore, please ensure you provide your children with appropriate clothing. All uniform can be purchased from Club Sport. Earrings are required to be taken out or covered over with tape on PE days.

Special Events and Parent Engagement

Climate Change workshops We are fortunate to have been offered these workshops, where children will be involved in discussing energy and climate change, using a case study in Africa. These workshops proved to be really beneficial to the children last year, so we are looking forward to welcoming our visitors again.

Hereford Performing Arts Festival During the 2nd half of the term, a number of children will be representing the school at the popular Hereford Performing Arts Festival. There will be a concert, performed within school, to show off all of our talented performers. Further details to follow.



Homework

- Read at home (daily, if possible).
 - Practise multiplication tables.
 - Half-termly topic-related project.
- (See separate 'Homework' sheet for details)

Dates for your diary:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
Friday 19 th January	World Religion Day (Judaism focus)
Wednesday 24 th January	5BT Forest School (PM)
Half Term (12th – 16th February)	
Friday 23 rd February	5R Forest School (PM)
Thursday 29 th February	4/5B Forest School (PM)
Thursday 7 th March	5BT Forest School (PM)
Monday 11 th - Friday 15 th March	British Science Week
Wednesday 6 th March	Parental Engagement – Science (PM)
Wednesday 13 th March	5BT Climate Change workshop
Wednesday 20 th March	5R Climate Change workshop
Wednesday 20 th March	Parents' Evening 3:45-5:30pm
Thursday 21 st March	Parents' Evening 5-7pm
Thursday 21 st March	SPRING TERM ENDS

Yours sincerely

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