

## Lawley Primary School and Nursery

### Year 5 Summer Term Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

We're delighted to share what your child will be learning and experiencing during the Summer Term in Year 5. It's an exciting final stretch of the year, filled with rich topics, hands-on learning and opportunities to prepare for the transition into Year 6.

#### English

This term, children will explore two inspiring texts:

- **Kai and the Monkey King** - *Kai and the Monkey King* is a fun adventure story inspired by Chinese myths. It follows a boy named Kai who dreams of becoming a hero. When he meets the powerful and mischievous Monkey King, he is taken on an exciting journey full of magic, challenges, and important lessons. Along the way, Kai learns about bravery, friendship, and believing in himself.
- **The Brilliant Deep** – a true story that follows a mission to restore coral reefs and inspires children to think about how small actions can help protect our oceans

#### Guided Reading / Class Reader

We will enjoy two contrasting texts:

- **You are Awesome** – an inspiring book that helps children understand how a growth mindset, resilience and determination can help them achieve their goals.
- **Pollution: a look behind the scenes** – a powerful non-fiction text that helps children understand the causes of pollution and the small changes we can make to protect our planet.

#### Maths

Our focus areas this term include:

- Shape
- Position and direction
- Decimals
- Negative numbers

- Converting units

- Volume

These units will consolidate key skills and prepare pupils for the demands of upper Key Stage 2.

## Science

Children will study two fascinating units:

- Reproduction in plants and animals
- Reversible and irreversible changes

## History & Geography

This term includes two big-picture questions:

- **History:** *What is the legacy of the Ancient Greek civilisation?*
- **Geography:** *Would you like to live in the desert?*

Both units encourage critical thinking, comparison and understanding of how environments and cultures shape human life.

## Art & Design / DT

- **DT:** Developing a recipe – children will design, test and evaluate their own food product.
- **Art:** *Fabric of Nature* – a craft-based unit exploring texture, pattern and natural forms.

## Computing

- **Programming B** – building on earlier coding skills with more complex sequences, variables and control.

## Music

- **Melodies of Divinity**
- **The Animal Kingdom**

These units explore musical structure, composition and performance.

## PE

- **Fitness**
- **Athletics**

Please ensure your child has the correct PE kit for both indoor and outdoor sessions.

## RE

- **Sikhism**
- **Christianity**

## RHE / Life in Modern Britain

- **Safety and the Changing Body** (including NSPCC PANTS)
- **Transition** – preparing pupils for Year 6.

## MFL

- **My Clothes** – building vocabulary and conversational confidence.

## Homework

Weekly tasks in Maths and English will continue to be set via **SATs Companion**.

Homework is due **every Thursday**.

Children should also read regularly and update their online reading diary.

## Reading Expectations

Children may bring their own book if they are a free reader or continue with a school reading scheme book.

Reading records should be updated frequently, and reading aloud to an adult remains important for fluency and comprehension.

## **Summer Term Events & Enrichment**

- Visit to Newdale Pool - Geography link.

## **Contact Us**

If you have any questions or concerns, please get in touch:

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We're looking forward to a fantastic Summer Term with your children. Thank you for your continued support.

Warm regards,

**The Year 5 Team**