



# YEAR 5 Autumn 2, 2024

## Mr O'Shea & Miss Hanson



### Welcome Back!

Welcome back! There's lots of things to look forward to this half term and we can't wait to get started! We will continue to work with Mrs Smelt, our resident music teacher, who will be teaching the children lots of songs in preparation for Year 5's first ever Nativity performance at St Thomas's Church. We also have some exciting sporting events coming up including taking many children to the Cross Country competition this half term! We also can't wait to get into the festive spirit! As always, we are around if you ever need to talk to us about anything.

We look forwards to another very successful half-term!

### Reminders

**This half term PE is on MONDAY and FRIDAY.** Your child needs to come in their PE kit that day. We will try and do PE outside as much as possible so please send your child in appropriate clothing. Our Friday PE slot will continue to be swimming.

If children are bringing their own packed lunches to school, please can we remind you that we are a nut free school.

**Homework: sent home every FRIDAY to be returned the following THURSDAY.**

**Reading books: sent home every other WEDNESDAY and to be returned**



### Curriculum Focus

**English:** In English, we will be focusing our learning around the book "All the Things That Could Go Wrong" by Stewart Foster. We will be focusing on spelling, punctuation and grammar in our writing, improving our handwriting and ensuring we use cursive script. We will be writing to provoke an emotional response and to inform. We will be writing diary extracts and a blog. We will also focus on using different writing techniques to make our writing clearer to the reader.

**Maths:** In Maths this half term, we will be looking at addition and subtraction. We will be looking at adding and subtracting whole numbers with more than 4 digits, by using formal written methods to help us. We will also be adding and subtracting numbers mentally with increasingly large numbers and using rounding to check answers to calculations.

**Computing: Data Handling: Mars Rover**

**DT: Mechanisms: Pop-Up Books**

**RE: What do Christians believe about the old and new covenants?**

**History: Were the Vikings Raiders, Traders or something else?**

**MFL: Space Exploration**

**Music: Blues**

**PE: Outdoor and Adventurous Activities**

### Key Dates

**Return to school:** Tuesday 5th November

**United Week (Anti-bullying):** WC 11th November

**Odd Socks Day:** Tuesday 12th November

**Children in Need:** Friday 15th November

**No Pens Day:** Wednesday 27th November

**Christmas Jumper Day:** Thursday 12th December

**Curious Week:** WC Monday 16th December

**Christmas Dinner Day:** Wednesday 18th December

**Break up for Christmas:** Friday 20th December

