



Easington Church of England Primary School



Autumn Term 2021 - Year 5 – Mr. Churchill

Dear Families,

Welcome to the start of a new academic year, I hope you all had a happy and restful summer break. I am very much looking forward to teaching your children this year in what I hope will see a greater return to normality and all of those things we know and love about our school. As the year progresses, I am excited to see this cohort of children grow whilst developing their learning and independence after what has been a turbulent 18 months for them and their education. I hope they too are looking forward to a hardworking but enjoyable year in Year 5. I would like to provide some information regarding this term and points to note as we progress through the academic year.

Mathematics and English will be taught daily. For this term, Mathematics will primarily focus on number – place value and the four operations. A sound understanding of times table facts (multiplication and inverse division, factors and multiples, and square numbers) is vital for learning in Mathematics so supporting your children to ensure they know all of their tables well would be much appreciated. In English, we will be studying the following genres of writing over the course of the term: recounts (including writing from our own personal experiences), myths and legends, instructions, non-chronological reports, narratives with specific setting description and use of figurative language in poetry.

This first half term, our foundation curriculum focus will be Geography as we learn about 'Our Country'. We will be looking at features of the United Kingdom, human and physical features of our nation etc. We will have a specific focus on using vital geographical skills and fieldwork. In the second half of the autumn term, our learning will be a History based as we focus on a local history study, 'What was it like to be a miner in Easington?', exploring the history of our local community.

This year allocated PE time will be every Thursday afternoon for two hours. PE lessons will provide opportunities for pupils to become physically confident in a way which supports their health and fitness. They will also provide opportunities to compete in sport and other activities to build character and help to embed values such as fairness and respect. Children should come to school in PE kit but bring school uniform to change into after their lesson.

Computing in Autumn term will focus on the use of search engines and E-Safety, and then programming in the latter part of the term.

Learning in Art will be about formal elements of art – architecture, and in Design and Technology, our focus will be food and healthy eating.

Our focus for PSHCE will be New beginnings as we start the term before then continuing our learning about mental well-being and internet safety.

Homework at school is currently under review – more information will follow week beginning 13th September regarding homework in the coming weeks.

I hope this provides you with some insight into what your child will be learning this term. Any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

Thank you for your support.

Warmest regards,

Mr. Churchill

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