



Welcome to the Summer Term in Year Five

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope your child has enjoyed the half-term break and is looking forward to returning to school. Please find below some information about the summer term in our class that you may find useful. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch. My email address is r.weatherall341@st-annes-pri.durham.sch.uk

- PE days will be Tuesday and Friday. Children will need PE kit on Tuesdays and swimming kit on Fridays. Swimming kit **must include**: swimming costume/trunks, towel, warm coat (as we will be walking to the pool) and a swimming cap.
- Homework will be handed out every Friday and must be handed in on Wednesday morning.
- Homework will consist of maths or English (these will alternate weekly), five spellings and a multiplication table which children will be tested on. In addition to homework children are expected to spend 15/20 minutes each evening on Reading Plus or Lexia and Times Table Rockstars.

This term we will be learning about:

Literacy	Our class novel which will be used for writing is <i>The Boy at the Back of the Class</i> by Onjali Q Rauf. We will also study selected poems from Brian Pattern.
Numeracy	We will continue our work on decimals before moving onto geometry and measurement.
Science	We will look at the topic of Space examining how the Earth and other planets move in our solar system. We will also look at properties of materials and reversible and irreversible changes of materials.
PE	Cricket, athletics and swimming.

Art	To complement our work in history and science we will look at Maya death masks and create our own planets using shading and blending techniques.
DT	We will examine making frame structures and taking part in the Vex project – a project involving design and coding.
History	We will study the Maya civilisation including how it started, how the Maya lived and how the civilisation ended.
Geography	We will study North America and patterns of migration.
Music	We will examine the Blues musical genre and music from South and West Africa.
RE	We will return to our previously studied topic of Judaism and examine how Jewish beliefs are expressed at home. We will also look at why religions use rituals in modern society.
Spanish (KS2)	We will study Romans and clothing.
Computing	We will look at coding to create a competitive game. Use a video editing package to create a history report and explore how to remain safe while being online.

Further information about the curriculum content can be found on our school website.

Yours Sincerely

Mr Weatherall