



### Our News

During this half term, the children will be learning about the Tudors. We will be extending our knowledge of Christopher Columbus through learning about his explorations. We will be thinking about the purpose of exploring new lands and how lands have changed since they were first discovered. We will also be looking at how exploration has helped to develop importing and exporting.

We will be having a Science focus day every two weeks.

For Science this term we will continue to investigate properties and changing materials.

We will be looking at:

- Comparative and fair testing.
- Reversible and irreversible changes.
- How to separate mixtures using, sieves and filters.

This term we are beginning to develop our Year 5 garden area.

Your task is to design a Tudor themed garden, thinking about herbs they would have used for medicines and healing.

### **You can support your child this half term by:**

#### **Reading**

Please continue to practise reading regularly and filling in the reading journals. We aim to check these on a Friday and expect to see regular entries from the children and an adult's signature to confirm they have read at home. Please ask questions to check your child's understanding of a text. In our reading lessons this term, we will be looking at *Oliver Twist* by Charles Dickens. The focus will be on making inferences and justifying them with evidence from the text.

#### **Writing:**

Using *Oliver Twist* for inspiration, we will be writing character descriptions and play scripts. In grammar work will be looking in detail at punctuation with a particular focus on the use of commas, dashes and brackets.

Please focus on spelling challenges for this half term. Spellings are an integral part of English and allow writers to express themselves clearly and with meaning.

**Spelling Challenges: 6/11 and 27/11**

#### **Maths**

Our focus for this half term will be counting through zero using negative numbers and solving problems involving negative numbers.

We will also be counting in powers of 10, using mental skills. Adding and subtracting 10, 100, 1000, 10,00 and 100, 000 with numbers up to one million. We will be developing reasoning skills through explaining and proving answers.

**Maths Challenge – Thursday**

**Believe it, Achieve it!**

## Visits

This half term, we will be visiting Brierley Hill Library to share with the children how they can use both books and computers for research purposes. We will particularly focus upon non-fiction texts, discussing how children can use the features to research information.

### Maths Celebrations

*Well done to the following children for moving up in their maths challenges:*

Leon, Rhys, Nicholas, Noah, Amelia, George, Archi, Millie F, Frankie, Libby F, Madison, Caitlin, Max, Matthew, Mia, Izzy, Shay, Henry, Finley, Jack, Zach, Ellie-Mae N, Ruby, Millie P, Libby S, Jayden, Elliot, Jessica, Ellie T, Callum, Thomas, Ellie-Mia W, Rebecca

*Well done to the following children for moving up in their times table challenges:*

Rhys, Amelia, Libby F, Sam, Neve, Max, Izzy, Jack, Ewan, Deryn, Elliot, Jessica, Thomas, Ellie-Mai W

### English Celebrations

*Well done to these children that moved up in their spelling challenge:*

Archi, Madison, Millie P, Ellie-Mai White

## Dates for diaries

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November** – Library visit  
(half of the class)

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November** – Library visit  
(half of the class)

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November** – Cinema visit

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November** – Learning Journey

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November** – Parent Appointments  
3.15-5.30pm

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November** – Parent Appointments  
5.00 – 7.00pm

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December** – Christmas Fayre

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December** – Year 5 & 6 Carol Service

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Lunch Day

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December** – Break for Christmas  
– End of term



Well done to Rebecca, who was the child who achieved the most Class Dojos during the month of December.

Will you be our next monthly winner?



Happy birthday to the following children for this half term:

Jessica, Paige, Madison, Ellie Mai W, Mia, Noah, George, Zach, Frankie, Elliot,  
Nicholas, Neve