



Year 5 Manta Ray Newsletter - Spring 2023

Values this term: Determination, Patience, and Hope

Welcome back and Happy New Year! We hope that you had a relaxing, enjoyable and healthy Christmas break. The new term is already well under way.

This term we welcome Mrs Jo Walker, who will be teaching the class on Monday and Tuesdays. Mrs Henley will continue to teach the class on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. The class timetable will remain the same as last term.

We are very excited about the Young Voices concert, taking place at the O2 Arena in London on Monday 23rd January. More information about this will follow shortly.

Mathematics

We begin the term continuing to learn about multiplication and division - including multiplying and dividing increasingly more complex numbers using short methods.

The children will then learn how to calculate perimeter and area before moving onto lots of work on fractions!

English

This term, the two books that we will be studying are Friend or Foe by Michael Morpurgo and The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe by C.S. Lewis.

Through these two texts, the children will be taught to write character descriptions, police and newspaper reports, formal and informal letters, a short adventure story and a persuasive letter.

They will look at a range of SPAG elements such as passive verbs and

History and Geography

In our first topic unit, we will be looking at the **Ancient Sumer** civilisation - when and where did the civilisation first appear? What were their lives like? What impact did they have on the rest of the world?

After half term we will move onto studying **World Geography**, in particular climate zones,



mapping skills, the difference between human and physical geography and comparing the UK with Brazil.

Key days

PE - Monday and Friday
Tuck shop (20p) - Thursday
Spelling test - Friday
Reading books are changed on Fridays

Reminders

- Write Word wallets and reading books need to be in their bags every day please.