

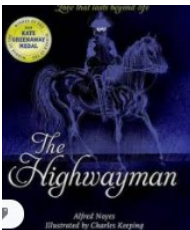
Dear Parents,

Welcome to what is an unexpectedly different half term. First of all, a huge thank you to you all for your patience, your understanding and your resilience as we once again find ourselves in lockdown and teaching some children remotely. We hope that the improvements we have made to our offer based on our learning from last year have helped.

**Routines:** We will post our week's timetable to the VLE every week. Whilst we appreciate that you will all have varying access to devices, we felt that a more structured approach would benefit. If they are able to, your child should join in with the lesson at the time specified, because he/she will be able to come onto Teams for immediate teacher advice and feedback. If your child is doing the lesson at another time, assistance will still be available through [year5@baildonce.co.uk](mailto:year5@baildonce.co.uk) although this may not be instant.



**Creative Curriculum:** Our new topic is the Islamic Civilisation. Children have hopefully collected their scrapbooks and can complete their work here - we like to give them freedom to present their work in a way that is pleasing to them. Mr Greenhalgh will be delivering the online lessons.



**English:** We will be looking at the narrative poem "The Highwayman." We will complete lots of fun reading activities to develop our retrieval, inference and language analysis skills. After this, we will focus on grammar knowledge, which we will apply with various writing opportunities. We will finish by writing an emotive diary entry using the language features we identify in the reading phase. Mr Buckley will be delivering the online lessons.

**Maths:** Our topic is statistics, which involves graphs, charts and tables. Video lessons will be taken from the White Rose scheme of work and one of us will be live on Teams during lessons to offer guidance.

**Science:** In Science, we will be continuing the topic of Earth and Space: We will be finding out about the planets of the solar system, how the Earth moves through space and what conditions cause the seasons to change. A real highlight will be a lesson involving fruit and toilet paper, in which children will learn about the relative sizes of and distances between planets. Mr Buckley will deliver the online lessons.



**R.E.:** We will be learning about Judaism as part of our work on other faiths and cultures. We will learn all about some of the key stories and festivals. Mrs Armstrong will be delivering the online lessons.

Thank you again for the way you have run with this so quickly - also for the many encouraging messages and emails we have received. We really hope that our virtual offer will provide you and your children with everything that you need but, should you need anything else, please contact us on [year5@baildonce.co.uk](mailto:year5@baildonce.co.uk). The vast majority of work will have answers available instantly so you can get immediate feedback, however, please continue to send work in to us and we aim to give each child formal feedback on their work once per week.

Best wishes and we hope to welcome everybody back as soon as we can,

Mr Buckley, Mr Greenhalgh, Mrs Armstrong, Mrs Hows and Mrs V Marshall.