

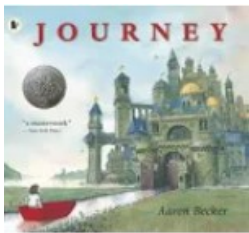
Dear Parents and Families,

I am thoroughly looking forward to welcoming the children back to school. I am sure that the children will also be looking forward to seeing their friends and classmates. First of all, a huge thank you to you all for your patience and hard work supporting your child's learning over lockdown and also thank you for all the positive feedback - it really is appreciated.

Routines: As you are aware, we had planned to resume swimming just prior to this most recent lockdown. However, the pool will now be closed for the time being, this means that PE will be on Tuesday and Wednesday. Children should have indoor and outdoor kits on both of these days as plans can change depending on the weather. We recommend that children have a change of socks with them in their PE bags. Spellings will be given out on Fridays and tested on the following Friday. Homework will be given out on Fridays and due in on Wednesdays. Reading diaries should come to school every day, but need to be signed by a responsible adult by Friday for the Reading Raffle!

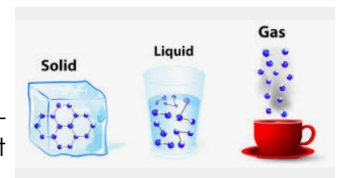


Creative Curriculum: We are going to continue our work on the Islamic Civilisation. Please can children who have been working at home bring their scrapbooks back into school so that we can have a good look at all of the wonderful work children have done from home and pick up from where we left off.



English: We will be continuing our work around the book "Journey" by Aaron Becker. We started looking at this book in and among the world book week activities for both home and school based learners. We will use this book to think further about reading skills, particularly retrieval and inference, and apply the grammatical knowledge we have acquired into fun writing tasks. For the final week of term, our English lessons will be based around the Easter Story and we will look at poetry based on the emotions of Easter. We are looking forward to welcoming Mr Holmes to our English teaching team as this will enable us to teach three smaller groups.

Maths: We will be focusing very much on the needs of our individual learners within Maths. Some children will be revisiting calculations, number and place value, and others will be consolidating their learning on fractions and moving on to look at decimals and percentages. We are looking forward to welcoming Mr Holliday to our Maths teaching team as this will enable us to teach three smaller groups.



Science: In Science, we will be continuing the topic of Properties and Changes of Materials. We will be looking at solutions, solubility and separating of mixtures. We will also revisit learning from Earth and Space and Forces to enable us to see what the children have remembered.



R.E.: In RE, we will be looking at "The Big Story" which is the story of Easter and of the Resurrection. We will examine why this is such a special time for Christians, and will complete engaging activities such as drama, silent debates and role play in which we examine the evidence of the Resurrection and come to our own conclusions. This will also link to our English work in the final week of half term.

It has been great to see the completed work that has been sent in over the past weeks and I look forward to having a catch up with the children. The emphasis in school will be on filling any gaps that the children have and getting them back on track but also in ensuring that they feel happy and safe and ready to learn. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me. The Year 5 email will no longer be active from 6th March so please email the office or catch me in the playground before or after school.

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

Mr Greenhalgh.