

# Year 5 – Autumn Term 2

**What a great start to the year!** The first term has absolutely flown by and we find ourselves, now, in the busiest time of the year. The run up to Christmas will be manic both inside and outside of school, but we will try to keep things calm and peaceful for everyone. I am looking forward to meeting everyone at Parents night later this term, so make sure you book your appointment on line!

Ms Walliss is our Learning Support Assistant this year and Mrs Dangerfield will take the class every other Thursday. If you have any queries or concerns, do see me after school or contact me via Seesaw.

## Maths

This term we will be focussing on factors, primary numbers, square and cubed numbers.

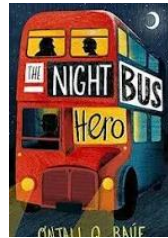
We will be extending our knowledge of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division and finding out about factors, multiples, square, cube and prime numbers.

Towards the end of the term we will be working on fractions, including adding and subtracting them.

**How can I help?** Top marks education has lots of fun maths games! [www.topmarks.co.uk](http://www.topmarks.co.uk)

Make sure they keep practising on **Times Tables Rock Stars** – last year's login still works for them

## English



This term we will continue to read 'The Night Bus Hero' by Onjali Rauf.

Children do not need to have their own copy but are welcome to purchase a copy and bring it into school if you wish.

We will be focusing on reading and writing, being inspired by what we read and developing our writing skills. We will be examining the lives of Emperor Penguins and learning the skills of writing non chronological reports.

### How can I help?

Please listen to your child read at home as much as you can because this really helps with their fluency and accuracy in school.

## Curriculum

This term the children will be participating in a project with Newcastle University this term looking at the Cholera Outbreak in Newcastle of 1831. We will also be visiting the Great North Museum to take part in a Time Odyssey challenge. Our Geography topic for the Autumn term is something new, learning all about Biomes across the planet Earth. In PSHE our topic is titled 'Valuing Difference' which will examine friendship, respect and valuing each of our differences.

P.E will take place on a **Monday afternoon** each week. It is really important to bring your school P.E kit in on this day. I would also recommend that you bring a water bottle in if you can as although the weather may be changing for the worst soon, it can still get very hot and thirsty work during this lesson.

### E-safety reminder:

Most social media sites (Snapchat, Instagram, Tik-tok etc.) have a lower age limit of 13. If you have permitted your child to use these sites, do you know who they are talking to? Or what they are posting? If your child enjoys gaming (especially games like Fortnite (12+ rating)), again do you know who is in any group chat with them?



It is recommended that if your child is on-line, that they do it in somewhere like the sitting room, rather than in their bedroom – it helps you know they are safe on line.