

Year 5



Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to start our newsletter this week by saying Eid Mubarak! to our Muslim families, who are celebrating at the end of Ramadan. Many of the Muslim children in our classes in Year 5 have been very mature and responsible in the way they have been sharing their and their families' experiences of being Muslim in Britain today, which is our current topic in RE. Thank you mini-experts!

It is great to see that the skipping bug has infected the playground following last week's workshops. Please continue to encourage skipping at home, especially for those children who find it challenging. We are very happy for children to bring their own skipping ropes into school for break times, however could we ask that you ensure these ropes are named, please? The school has bought some ropes for the classes to use and they are very similar.

On that note, we would like to make a general plea for things to be labelled in school. Jumpers and cardigans are off and on all the time at the moment and many do not have the child's name on them. Items in pencil cases should also be labelled, otherwise it is impossible to distinguish one child's from another's. Thank you.

Please be aware that from Monday all Year 5s will be writing in pen for all subjects except Maths. This is to make sure we are Year 6 ready! We will have a limited number of handwriting pens available to borrow. Should you wish to buy your child a pen, we recommend a blue Pilot Frixion pen. We do not allow Birs. Thank you.

Have a lovely weekend!

English

We are continuing to read our new book in English - *Treason* by Berlie Doherty. The children are learning to use figurative language and how to write with tension and suspense.

Maths

We have begun to look at equivalent fraction families.

Foundation Subjects

We are continuing our history topic on Hampton Court and science topic on the life cycles of plants. This week we explored fertilisation. We have also begun to explore how our bodies change during puberty.

Notices & Reminder

The school uniform policy asks that children do not wear jewellery, including earrings. A child was injured by earrings in school last week and we would ask that you ensure your child is not wearing jewellery. We have noticed that some children are also wearing smart watches - these are not allowed in school.

Diamond Work Award

Sycamore: Emily, Aimee **Ash:** Mitty **Lime:** Holly, Andrew L
