



# 5M Class Newsletter - Autumn Term 2021

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<p>Welcome to 5M. We hope you had a relaxing summer break, it is wonderful to have all of the children back and we are looking forward to a really exciting year.</p> <p>Your class teacher is: Mr Meza</p> <p>Other support staff in your classroom: Ms Christine Ms Tracy</p>	<p>Children can come to school wearing their PE kit on the days they have PE. Please ensure your child has the correct PE kit – White or house colour t-shirt, navy tracksuit bottoms or shorts, black trainers or plimsolls. Our PE days this term are Tuesdays and Fridays.</p> <p>Homework is put on Google Classroom on a Friday and should be completed by Wednesday. The homework each week will be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Maths - Times Tables Rockstars - 30min</li><li>- English - reading comprehension</li><li>- Reading - read every day for 15min - bring in your Reading Record on Mondays and Fridays (more often if needed).</li></ul> <p>If you are having any problems accessing google classroom, please let your child's class teacher know. Please read with your child every evening and add a short comment to their reading record.</p>
<p><b>Our Vision and Values:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Respect One Another</li><li>- Every Individual Matters</li><li>- Take Responsibility</li><li>- Strive for Excellence</li><li>- Try Your Best</li></ul>	<p><b>Our School rules:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Show Kindness</li><li>- Listen Actively</li><li>- Walk Responsibly</li><li>- Respect Our Environment</li></ul>
<p><b>Important Dates:</b></p> <p><b>The Great Get Together: Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October</b> <b>Turn Back The Clock Day: Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> October</b> <b>Parents' Evenings: Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> of November</b> <b>Christmas Fair: Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December</b> <b>More information on these events will be given closer to the time.</b></p>	



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## English

**Focus Texts:** The Lost Thing by Shaun Tan; The Odyssey by Gillian Cross; Hidden Figures by Margot Lee Shetterly and Laura Freeman; Curiosity by Markus Motum.

**Reading:** We have daily whole class reading sessions using extracts from fiction and non-fiction texts as well as poetry.

**Writing:** We write diary entries, formal letters, adverts, character and setting descriptions, non-chronological reports, information labels, explanations, NASA log of Mars landing, news reports, memoirs, persuasive letters and leaflets.

**Maths:** This term we are focusing on developing our knowledge of place value; addition and subtraction; multiplication and division; fractions; decimals and percentages and money. We will also be working on our times tables to ensure that we develop speed and fluency with tables up to 12x.

**Science:** Our topic this term is Space. We will learn the difference between stars, planets and satellites; that there are 8 planets and they orbit the sun; we will learn approximately the difference in sizes between the planets; what makes day and night and how the seasons happen.

## Autumn Term Curriculum

**Computing:** Our first topic this term is 'Sharing Information' where we will develop our understanding of computer systems and how information is transferred between systems and devices. In the second half of this term, we will be learning about 'Vector Drawing'.

**PSHE:** Our weekly Jigsaw sessions will be focusing on 'Being me in my world' and 'Celebrating difference'.

**RE:** This term, we will be learning about where the Bible came from and why Muhammad is important to Muslims.

**Music:**  
MX Strings - violin and cello  
Macbeth Performance Project.

**History/Geography:** Our Geography topic this term is getting to know River Haliacmon - the longest river flowing entirely in Greece. This links to our History Topic of Ancient Greece where we will be learning about Greek life and achievements and their influence on the western world.

**Modern Foreign Language (Spanish):** We will be working on developing our vocabulary through speaking, listening, reading and writing in the following topics: greetings, school subjects, feelings, opinions, cities, buying tickets and our favourite things.

**PE:** This term, we will be working on developing our skills in football, netball, hockey and dance.

**Art/DT:** This term we will be working on our drawing sketching skills when working on observational drawings of River Haliacmon. We will also be creating Greek pots using clay. In DT, we will be focusing on structures with electrical components.