



Year 5 Spring Term Letter
5th January 2015

Dear Parents and Children,

I hope you have all enjoyed the festive season and are suitably recharged and ready for the year ahead. This term much of our work will be based on the countries of Northern Europe, particularly those around the Baltic Sea.

In **Geography** we will make comparisons between our own locality and Stockholm, Sweden. Our emphasis will be upon the human geography – what it is like to live at each location, how and why settlements were created, how they have developed over time and how the physical environment has shaped people's lives.

During this term's **DT** we will be studying different forms of bridges, initially the Oresund Bridge linking Denmark and Sweden, establishing how these structures are strengthened, trying out our own ideas to meet a design brief and then finally testing our designs to destruction!

In **History** we will be finding out about the struggle for the Kingdom of England between the Anglo-Saxons and the Vikings, the resistance of Alfred the Great and the eventual end of the Anglo-Saxon era with the Norman Conquest in 1066.

In **Art** we will be using digital media to create our own digital town. We will begin this process by viewing famous images and artworks of Stockholm and from our observations form opinions of the subject matter and the techniques used by each artist. We will use digital photography to explore textures and then use photo manipulation software to translate our ideas onto 3 dimensional structures.

Much of our **Computing** curriculum will be covered during our photo manipulation work in Art. In addition to this we will be writing our own algorithms and producing flowcharts to represent procedures that control devices.

Science will be based around Earth and Space in particular how astronomers and scientists have formed and then changed their views over the years.

In **RE** the children will study Judaism, how words have power and in particular the stories around the life of Moses and the Ten Commandments.

In **PSHE** people's roles and responsibilities as citizens within their community will be the key topic of discussion.

In **Music** the class will listen to, appraise and perform jazz compositions and use their own musical notation.

PE is timetabled for Friday mornings although I would again ask that your child's kit remain in school from Monday to Friday in order that we can take advantage of any good weather that comes our way. Swimming is scheduled to restart on Thursday 8th January for all children in Year 5 and continue until the Easter break.

Homework resumes again today and like last term will be given on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. Please help remind your child to bring their book into school each Monday as this gives both Mrs Emery and myself time to mark the work and return books ready for Tuesday's task.

An advance date for your diary is Wednesday 15th April when we will be having our Y5 Family Assembly (I will send out a confirmation message two weeks prior to this date).

Thank you

Mr.Hesketh and Mrs.Emery