

## Curriculum Newsletter Year 5 – Autumn 2<sup>nd</sup> Half

Dear Parents,

Here is an outline of what we will be covering this half-term.

RE – This half term our topic is ‘From Advent to Christmas’. We will be exploring how the Bible portrays the birth of Jesus and how we prepare for Christmas during the season of Advent.

Literacy – This will cover a range of different styles of writing including recounts, instructions and classic fiction.

Spellings – Will continue to come home weekly for practise.

Reading – Should be daily and where possible with an adult.

Numeracy – This term has already seen the children working on their place value skills and developing their knowledge of written methods. Topics to follow include: equivalent fractions, linking decimals and fractions together (out of 10 or 100), applying knowledge to solve problems, percentages, time and statistics (this means interpreting in tables). There will be weekly homework using [mymaths.co.uk](http://mymaths.co.uk) or written as appropriate. Time tables practice will be ongoing.

Science – Will be the topic of space; we will be using the Liverpool Schools telescope to take images of the moon and observe stars in space. [www.schoolsobservatory.org](http://www.schoolsobservatory.org) a free website which the children can also use from home.

Computing – Children will be learning to crack codes and devise programs to create codes. This will be based on codes such as semaphore and Morse code.

Topic – We are going to investigate code breaking during World War Two in preparation for our visit to Bletchley Park in January.

PE – We will be playing team games starting with rugby and moving onto hockey.

Thank you to the parents who kindly sent boxes of tissues for the classroom. This is greatly appreciated as we enter the cold and flu season. We are always looking for further donations!

Kind regards

Mrs Sivell and Ms Cibas