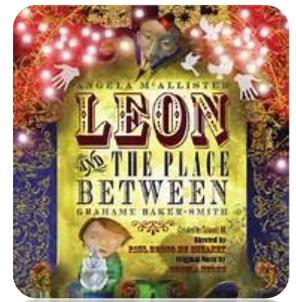


# This Term in Year 5

Autumn Term 2017



Dear Parents,

Welcome to Year 5 at Whitchurch Junior School. The Year 5 teachers this year are Mrs Bryant (5SB), Miss Glennon (5ZG) and Miss Evans (5LE) along with Teaching Assistants Mrs Garbett, Mrs Wainwright, Miss Reynolds, Mr Blackhurst and Mrs Slater. We welcome you to come and see us at any time, if you have anything that you would like to discuss or of course you can always catch us in the playground at the end of the day.

During Year 5 continued emphasis is placed on further development of self-discipline and responsibility. Children are expected to keep drawers and lockers tidy and take care of their own belongings, as well as to take responsibility for their own learning behaviour and conduct. We hope you will assist us in developing these behaviours.

As you may have already discovered, the children will now have planners rather than the yellow reading records. The planners have several sections such as: school policies, reading & diary dates as well as prompts for learning. This is to encourage the children to engage with their home reading and become independent learners in addition to improving organisational skills. It is a continued expectation that planners will be signed by an adult at least once a week.

This Autumn term, our topic is “**The Place Between**”. This topic will have a science focus in which the children will be learning all about properties of materials and changes of state. At the end of the topic we will be inviting parents into school for the children to share their learning with you in our ‘Magical Finale’. Please look out for a separate letter regarding this.

To engage the children further in this topic, you could discuss what state of matter objects around the home are. You may also wish discuss the theme of magic with the children. Do you believe?

In **Maths** we will be consolidating and extending our understanding of number and place value; addition and subtraction; multiplication and division; fractions, measures, geometry and statistics. Your child will need to continue to learn multiplication tables including x3, x4, x8, x6, x9 at home and also practise telling the time. A strong focus will be on reasoning - our ability to solve problems and explain our answers by justifying with evidence. To do this we need to work systematically and work on our written maths. This is a key skill and is even tested in the year 6 SATs!

In **English** our focus will be on using the picture book ‘Leon and the Place Between’ to inspire a variety of writing types that will include; non-chronological reports, diary writing, narrative, poetry and instructions. Alongside this children will be deepening their understanding of grammatical forms and spelling patterns.

## Home Learning

It is important to develop a homework routine with your children as they progress through Year 5. Home learning will be set via Mathletics and Spellodrome each Friday. Please ensure that the children log on to both in order to check for tasks which will have been set. Alongside this, there will be the continued expectation that children will read at least 3x a week at home, this should be a combination of independent and adult assisted reading. The reading record should be used to write down any reading that the children do at home- please encourage your child to write their own comments in their reading record

alongside this. We would really appreciate any support you can give your children with their home learning as it really does make such a big difference.

**P.E.**

This term the children will be doing PE or Forest School on Thursday afternoons. In addition to this the children will also have a weekly football session led by Coach Neil from Shrewsbury Town Football Club. This is a fantastic opportunity for the children and links reading and writing to sports, there may even be a visit from the club’s mascot, Lenny the Lion and a Shrewsbury town player! Please ensure that your child wears appropriate PE kit in relation to the school guidelines: sky blue t-shirt, navy blue shorts or skort and pumps or trainers. This can be purchased from Whitchurch Sports. **We expect that the children’s P.E. Kit is left in school throughout the week and taken home at weekends.** For Forest School sessions please ensure that your child has a pair of wellies and a waterproof coat. Please send a note if your child is unable to take part in any P.E. lessons.

During our topic we will be focusing on History, Science, Art, Technology, Music and Computing.

<p>In <b>History</b>, we’ll be investigating:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The history of magic</li> <li>• Houdini</li> </ul>	<p>In <b>Music</b> we’ll be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Responding to music using symbolic notation</li> <li>• Composing music to accompany a narrative</li> </ul>
<p>In <b>Computing</b>, we’ll be learning:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• About E-safety when using the internet for research.</li> <li>• To develop our word processing skills to support the presentation of poetry.</li> </ul>	<p>In <b>Art</b>, we’ll be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Using a range of media to create magical themed photo frames.</li> <li>• Studying the artist Salvador Dali</li> <li>• Creative a collage named ‘Through the box’.</li> </ul>
<p>In <b>D&amp;T</b>, we’ll be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Designing, making and evaluating wizard’s hats.</li> <li>• Making book models</li> </ul>	<p>In <b>Science</b>, we’ll be investigating:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Classifying materials according to their properties.</li> <li>• Mixtures and solutions</li> <li>• Separating materials</li> <li>• Reversible and irreversible changes</li> </ul>

Thank you for your continued support. If there is anything you wish to discuss, please come in to school and we will be happy to talk with you.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Bryant                      Miss Glennon                      Miss Evans