

We keep moving forward, opening new doors, and doing new things, because we're curious and curiosity keeps leading us down new paths.

Walt Disney

The Truth Is Out There!

How Are Mysteries Made?

A very warm welcome back to all Year 5 pupils and parents! We hope you had a fantastic Christmas and a wonderful New Year. Thank you for all your support throughout the Autumn Term; and what an amazing first term we had: Bakers Basket creations that have impressed everyone, an inspirational assembly, a thrilling visit to GoApe and a beautiful Advent Performance. **What will this next term bring?**

In **RE**, we will start with the topic of 'Mission', where the children will explore their mission in life, with inspiration from Jesus and his disciples. Key question: Do we all have a mission in life? Our second topic will be 'Memorial Sacrifice'; we will look at the incredible sacrifice Jesus made for us. Key question: Why do we need memories? Our final topic before Easter will be 'Sacrifice'- this links well to the sacrifices we might make during lent and the sacrifice Jesus made. Key question: Why do we need to make sacrifices? Our exploration of another World Faith—Judaism— will give us chance to focus on the celebration of the Passover and the ways in which Jews remember this key event.

English: Whilst linking our English lessons to our topic, we will use a range of texts (mystery stories, myths and legends) to inspire the children in their writing. Year 5 will analyse mysterious poetry and then create their own. As always, there will be a focus on spelling, punctuation and grammar to ensure Year 5 create writing of the highest quality. |

Maths: The challenging maths that we are faced with can sometimes seem mysterious and muddling, but this term we are going to unlock that mystery and discover the truth! The children will learn a range of ways to solve mathematical problems so that they have a variety of skills to draw upon when faced with a problem. Throughout the term we will practise our mental maths in different ways such as: games, songs or challenges!

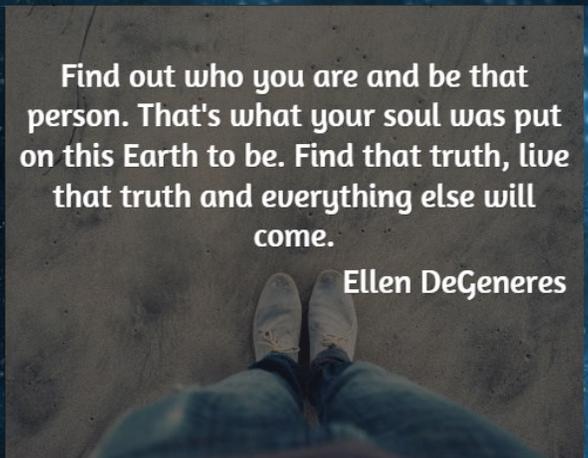
Continue the mystery at home....

If you are reading any mystery stories at home, please encourage your child to share this with the class and write a book review or prepare a quick explanation of the tale for us.

Due to the current high profile of Space adventures, it is an exciting time for us to learn about Space technology! Keep an eye out for messages from Tim Peake on the news and encourage your children to research his journey.

Find out who you are and be that person. That's what your soul was put on this Earth to be. Find that truth, live that truth and everything else will come.

Ellen DeGeneres



Our Earth and Space topic in **Science** will allow us to investigate the mysteries of space! How do we know the earth is round? Why do we have day and night? What is out there? We will also look at the mystery of Chemicals and the different states: solids, liquids and gases. The investigating will continue in **Geography**, where we will explore mysteries from around the world such as the Bermuda Triangle and the Loch Ness Monster; after that, we will research the spooky and mysterious stories associated with our own local area. Our **History** topic will allow us to explore the history of the Caribbean and the Bermuda Triangle, whilst linking this to the abolition of the slave trade. Our **art** topic will be based around Picasso, which will conclude with us creating our own mysterious piece of art. When exploring food technology in **DT**, we will cook a food product based upon Caribbean cuisine!



Help from home!

1. **Check Homework diaries regularly** for weekly information about your child's work and progress. Please sign diaries weekly.
2. Year 5 will be encouraged to take a more responsible attitude for their homework this term. Their homework will generally be distributed on a Tuesday and they will write down it's due date in their diary. It is therefore essential for children to have their Homework diaries with them in school. **Year 5 are encouraged regularly to complete their homework over several days** so that they do not have the stress of completing it the night before. They might need the odd reminder at home to get their homework done in good time.
3. It is very important that all children can recall their number facts quickly and correctly, so when possible **please encourage your child to practise their multiplication, division, addition and subtraction skills.** There are some great online mental maths games– please check website for ideas.
4. **Reading every day is essential.** Please discuss characters, themes, plots and ask for your child's opinions on the books they are reading; this will help with their success in English. Recording this information in their homework diary is extremely useful evidence of their reading.
5. Year 5 will have sports coaching on a Thursday afternoon and Dance on a Friday so **full PE kit needs to be in school all week.**
6. **Children will be given a list of spellings each week.** We will study the words at school but practise at home will be needed too. A useful way to practise spellings is to include them in interesting or funny sentences.
7. Handwriting: as the children are in Year 5 and now all have a pen license, handwriting practise in any form (writing out jokes, writing a story or writing out invitations) is very beneficial. **When writing please encourage your child to: have both feet on the floor, have a relaxed pen-grip, have enough elbow space, use their non-writing hand and have their paper tilted slightly.**

The **MORE** that you **READ**,
the more **THINGS** you will **KNOW**.
The **MORE** you **LEARN**,
the more **PLACES** you'll **GO!**
~ Dr. Seuss

Key dates:

Whole School Mass: Thursday 7th January 9am

Ten Ten Theatre: 12th January

Talent Show auditions: 13th January

Dare Graduation: Friday 22nd January: 9am

School Photographs: 19th January

KS2 Talent Show 28th January: 1:30pm

Musical Evening: 11th February

Inset day– school closed: 12th February

Parent Consultation: 15th March– 4-7pm

Parent Consultation: 16th March: 1:30pm-3:30pm

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questions or concerns, please feel
free to get in touch so we can
discuss them further. Thank you
for your support and help.

Miss Cotter