

# Year 5 Autumn Term

Welcome to Year 5 where the Elston Hall Learning Journey continues. We have an action-packed year planned, starting with an educational visit to Moseley Old Hall, which will be our focal point for our historical learning, encompassing those famous Tudors and Stuarts. This is the year where the children will be challenged to become fully-fledged independent learners...

## History/Geography

This term we will be studying The Tudors and Stuarts in history with an exciting visit planned to Moseley Old Hall where King Charles II actually hid - successfully. The children will then be studying South America, though a trip to Brazil may be pushing it! The children will learn all about the countries in this continent as well as developing their map reading skills further.

## Maths

As mathematicians in Year 5, the children will be focusing on mental maths in our oral mental starters, learning times tables and number bonds. We will also be learning about properties of shapes, measurement and statistics. This year percentages will also be on the maths menu alongside funky fractions and delicious decimals. Children will also consolidate their understanding of written calculations. Don't forget to check out our calculation policy on the school website. Throughout the term, we will practise applying our knowledge to test style questions - in preparation for Year 6!

## English

The children will be learning how to develop their use of punctuation (e.g. using commas, brackets and colons). We will cover poetry, recounts, narrative, film narrative and instructions. The children will have spellings to learn on a weekly basis from both their class teacher and phonics teacher. Children are also encouraged to read regularly and to enjoy it. Read for pleasure - it's great! Oh, and not forgetting our reading comprehension activities.

## Science

As scientists the children will learn about properties of materials and reversible and irreversible changes. They will have the opportunity to plan and carry out investigations to broaden their knowledge. They will also be encouraged to use the correct scientific vocabulary linked to this new topic. After half term we shall continue to develop our science skills and knowledge with a focus on Earth and Space - Out of this world!

## P.E.

Throughout the year, all children will have the opportunity to attend swimming lessons. Class 16 will be taking the plunge first in the Autumn Term. In P.E lessons children will be taught gymnastics and invasion games. P.E in Year 5 will be taught by Soccer 2000 and Progressive Sports.

## Music

As musicians the children will be learning to sing songs about Harvest and Christmas and will be learning to accompany their songs with simple percussion instruments. They will also be learning how to create rounds using a range of percussion.

## Computing

Our young digital learners will enjoy a range of technological lessons this year from e-safety to digital programming where children will learn how to read and use code, trying their hand at debugging.

## M.F.L.

Our language journey continues as we strive to perfect our French language skills.  
J'aime le Français!

## R.E.

The children will begin the Autumn term learning about Islam with a particular focus on the 5 Pillars of Islam. After our half term break, we shall then focus on when, how and why Christians pray.

