

## Redwood Class Newsletter Term 5

### Summer Term Focus

Within core subjects this term, our focus is on ensuring pupils are ready to progress to their next year group. Due to this, lessons (especially English and Maths) may be structured differently. Teaching will be focused on key skills with lots of practical, hands-on activities. In some cases, this will include revision of previously taught content. This will help us to develop and further embed content which was taught across the two lockdowns and ensure pupils are ready for next year.

### Other Notices

- PE Days remain on Tuesdays and Fridays this term. Tuesday's lessons are taught by coaches from Bath Rugby.
- Please don't forget full water bottles each day and also coats just in case of rain so that we can continue to get outside if so (light coats in book bags are fine).
- Mrs Jackson now teaches Redwood class on Wednesday mornings in Mrs Hobbs' absence.

### What have we been doing in class?

#### English

In English reading lessons, we've started reading and exploring *Holes* by Louis Sachar. There have been some brilliant predictions from the children so far.

In writing lessons, we have continued our Sherlock Holmes unit, refreshing our narrative writing skills - especially descriptive writing. We have been honing in on carefully building compound and complex sentences which include speech. We will soon put all of our refined skills into practice to write an exciting suspense-filled story.

#### Maths

In maths, both year groups have been revisiting place value of numbers. We now do a weekly arithmetic challenge as well as Space Mission Maths to help keep our skills ticking over.

Year 5s have been working carefully with the relationship between tenths and hundredths: partitioning, ordering/comparing and placing on a number line.

Year 6 have been working with numbers up to ten million, including decimals, particularly exploring relationships between 'powers of 10'.

#### Topics

In RE, children have been exploring *the best way for Sikhs to show commitment to God* with Mrs Jackson.

In PSHE, we have finished discussing being ourselves and what makes us special and have also talked further about puberty linked to our Science topic.

Our focus topic so far this term has been Science, where we have been learning about Animals including Humans. This statutory science unit follows on from the 'It's my Body' PSHE unit we previously studied. Children are learning about stages of human life, growth of babies, changes in old age, gestation periods, and life expectancy. They are also learning about the physical changes which occur during puberty including discussion around menstruation. It's important to note that this is not sex education, however if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Mr Cottrell. Mrs Chapman previously recommended the following books if you would like to support your child in discussions about growing up and puberty (particularly for children in year 6):

- Meredith, Susan. *Growing Up: adolescence, body changes and sex. Usborne Facts of Life series.*
- Harris, Robie H. *Let's Talk about Sex: growing up, changing bodies, sex and sexual health. Walker Books*

#### Celebration

Congratulations to Isis, Amelie and Riley P for achieving gold certificates in Athletics since our last newsletter. They join Zachary, Brooke, Kieran, Joshua, Martha, Jayden, Lauren, Nathaniel and Toby in the hall of fame!

*Please keep those out of school achievements coming in!*

#### Mathletics & Readwriter Points

Year 5 have achieved a 418,848 total of points in Mathletics and 152,208 points within Readwriter.

Year 6 have achieved a total of 309,571 points in Mathletics and 70,138 points within Readwriter.

Super efforts all round!