# Year 5 Newsletter - Spring 1

## Coming up this half term...

In Maths this half term, we are focusing on multiplication and division, using formal written methods, including the "bus shelter". Then we will move onto more fraction work of multiplying fractions, calculating fractions of a quantity and fractions of amounts.

For English this half term, we will use Raysha's Escape to inspire us to write a recount diary and then move onto Raysha vs Aashman to inspire us to write a narrative. As our main reading text this half term will be concentrating on "Who let the Gods out?" by Max Evans.

As Scientists we will compare and group together everyday materials on the basis of their properties, including their hardness, solubility, transparency, conductivity (electrical and thermal), and response to magnets.

In History our topic is Crime and Punishment and we will be looking at what it looked like throughout the different ages — dating back to the Anglo-Saxons right through to modern day.

As theologists, we will explore the key question 'What is it like to be a Muslim in Britain today?

As artists, we will find out about the work of Fashion Designers and create our own designs.

## Homework

Our homework project for this half-term is to create their own prison — it could be a themed prison. Remember, what a prison is for! This could be in the form of a model, detailed drawings, with descriptions or some form of ICT presentation.

Homework should be returned by the 10th February.

Even though the children have completed the official Multiplication Tables Check, we would still like the children to use TT Rockstars on a regular basis, focusing on the facts they find trickiest or by completing real-life word problems. They also need to become more competent with their division skills. A useful website is <a href="https://www.arcademics.com/games/demolition">www.arcademics.com/games/demolition</a>

Please encourage your child to use Spelling Shed to practise weekly spellings.

Reading books can be sent in any day. The children need to be changing their books at least three times per week and reading to an adult regularly at home.

## Dates for your diary

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February — Swimming lessons start — see separate letter.

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February — school closes for half term (one week)

Any other relevant dates will be added onto our class Dojo.

#### P.E

P.E for this half term will be on Wednesdays. Please ensure your child comes to school wearing the correct <u>indoor</u> P.E kit. Please make sure long hair is tied back and earrings are removed.

As always, if you have any worries or questions, please feel free to message us on Class Dojo and we will get back to you as soon as we can.

Mrs Harrison and Mr Lewty