



Buttercup, Sunshine and Canary

A message from the class team

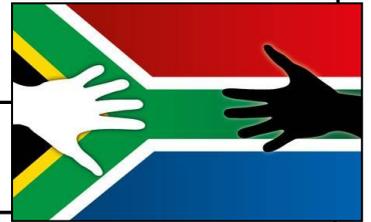
Dear Parents and Carers,

First of all, we would like to say well done to all the children in year 5. The progress that has been made so far this academic year has been fantastic and as we move forward, we can only ask for more of the same. Keep up the good work children!

It has been an eventful and exciting first term in year 5 and we have learnt loads about Vikings and Anglo-Saxons.

However, it is now time for a new topic. In Spring 1, we will be studying 'The Journey to Freedom', an in depth look at Apartheid South Africa and the path we have taken to establish an equal society for all. We look forward to examining history to ensure we have a bright future.

Mr Hart, Miss Whitwam and Miss Havemann



Our topic this term – The Journey to Freedom

In **English**, we will be writing diaries, letters and persuasive speeches focussing on the book 'Journey to Jo'burg' and exploring great orators such as Nelson Mandela. There will be a big reading focus this term where we will examine not just great texts but also the skills we need to infer the deeper meaning of a text.

In **Maths**, we are going to be looking at fractions, decimals and percentages. We will also be developing our problem solving skills using NRICH and concept cartoons. Towards February half term, we will be looking at area and perimeter and be applying our knowledge of statistics using the school time table.

In **Science**, our focus after half term will be on understanding the relationship between force and friction and we will delving into Newton's laws of gravity. Linking to our focus book, we will be designing and testing the best footwear to get to Jo'burg!

In **Computing**, we will be bloggers sharing our experiences and opinions.

In **History**, we will be learning about Apartheid South Africa and understanding the effects it had on different races and the country as it is today. We will also be looking at the differences and similarities between British and South African societies.

In **PE** will be exploring dance and movement.

In **Music**, we will be learning to play the Ukulele.

In **RE**, we will be learning about and celebrating Chinese New Year, as well as asking ourselves how we live by the values of Jesus in the twenty-first century.

In **DT**, we will be cooking a delicious, traditional South African dish and using the green screen to film our version of the journey to Jo'burg.

In **Art**, we will be creating our own Ndebele art – with the help of some parents!

In **Philosophy for Children**, we will be exploring the ideas behind equality and expectations.

Teacher Timetable

Miss Havemann will be out of class on Wednesday afternoons. On the morning she is not in class, she will be covered by Mr Jose, our Sports Coach, and Ms Duggan, our French teacher.

Miss Whitwam will be out of class on Wednesday afternoons. On the morning she is not in class, she will be covered by Mr Jose, our Sports Coach, and Ms Duggan, our French teacher.

Mr Hart will be out of class on Wednesday mornings. On the morning he is not in class, he will be covered by Mr Jose, our Sports Coach, and Ms Duggan, our French teacher.

Key dates for this half term



Friday 1st February - Number Day

Friday 15th February - African mask and dance workshop

Friday 15th February - Last day of Spring 1 term

P.E. times

Sunshine - Wednesday afternoon

Buttercup - Wednesday morning

Canary - Wednesday afternoon

Please remember to bring your PE kit, which is a house colour t-shirt, blue shorts or tracksuit bottoms and sensible trainers.

Each class goes swimming on Thursdays. Please ensure you child has a full swimming kit.

Home Learning and ways to help your child at home



- We will be giving home learning on **Friday**. Please encourage your child to complete it independently and return it by **Wednesday**.
- Every child **MUST** be reading at home **EVERY** night and the reading record must be signed by a parent or carer.
- Every child **MUST** bring a book bag as it is part of their uniform and they are required to take books to read at home every night. *These books must be returned to the school once they have been read.*
- Please help your child to practise learning their times tables and related division facts.
- Please talk to your child about their learning. At times we will be sending a project home for your child to complete. It would be great if you could work alongside your child to complete these projects.

Getting in touch

Should you have any queries regarding your child, members of staff from our class are usually available in the playground at the end of each school day. Alternatively, you can speak to one of our Assistant Heads or our Deputy Head teacher.

