



# Year 5 Autumn Term Newsletter



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We would like to take this opportunity to welcome all the Year 5 children, parents and carers to Roe Green Junior School.

We hope you had a lovely summer holiday, and are rested and ready for Year 5. We are looking forward to a fun and exciting term, where we will guide and encourage the children into becoming independent young people.

## Reminders:

If you need to change your child's lunch arrangements eg. school dinners to packed lunch, please give **1 week's notice to Ms Vekaria** in the school office.

If children are running late and arrive at school after the register is taken, they will need to visit the office to sign the late book.

Please help us by labelling your child's clothes and ensuring the wear the correct uniform. We have many lost jumpers with no names in them.

**Literacy:** This term in Literacy we will be reading some amazing books and poetry.

We will explore two poems: **'The Highwayman'** by Alfred Noyes and **'The British'** by Benjamin Zephaniah. We will read **'Stormbreaker'**. All these texts will support the writing of narratives, poems, diaries and explanation texts.



**Science:** This term in Science our topics are: **'Earth and Space'** and **'Forces'**. We aim to make our science lessons as practical as possible. Be prepared to get involved in observations, investigations and experiments!



## Wider curriculum

At RGJS we believe in the importance of teaching the 'whole child', making sure your child receives a broad and rich curriculum, including:

**PE:** Tag Rugby/Dance-Movement/Swimming

**RE:** Why is pilgrimage important in some religious traditions?

**Art/DT:** Investigating patterns and Cooking

**Music:** Singing/Playing ukulele

**Computing:** Computing Systems & Networks: Sharing Information

**Spanish:** Talking about us/ School subjects/In the city/ Shopping/Festive jumpers

**At home,** we expect the children to read at home 20 minutes per day. This will help them with their writing.

## Key Dates:

**30th September:** School Council week

**10th and 17th October:** Parents evening

**7th October:** Healthy Living week

**24th October:** Mr Egypt workshop

**25th October:** Diwali Assembly/Break up for half term

**20th December:** Christmas Jumper Day/Nativity Assembly/Break up for Christmas holidays.



**School Planners:** Please make sure your child has his or her planner at school each day. You can use the planner to communicate with your child's teacher.

**Banish the Bugs!** Hand washing is part of our daily routine. Please discuss with your child the importance of regular hand washing with hot water and soap. You should wash your hands for the amount of time it takes to sing "Happy Birthday" twice (around 20 seconds).

**Maths** The topics for Year 5 for this term

include: Place Value, Addition & Subtraction, Time, Multiplication & Division, Shape. The children are in groups best suited to their learning. These groups are fluid and children may move accordingly.



## History and Geography

Our history topic is **The Ancient Egyptians**.

We look at a timeline to understand the chronology of this time alongside their beliefs, life and afterlife.

In Geography we will cover **mountains**.



## Communication

Please make sure you have **SchoolPing** set up to ensure you receive important news and updates from the school.

If you need to contact the school urgently, please call the office on **0208 204 5221**.

For school information such as term dates, curriculum overviews, policies and much more please visit our website: [www.rgjs.brent.sch.uk](http://www.rgjs.brent.sch.uk)

