

Dear Parents,

I hope you had a lovely Christmas break. I would like to take this opportunity to inform you of the children's learning over the coming half term.

### Religious Education

Children will think about how being thoughtful for life, for people and gifts, is a vital part of our relationships with one another. When praise and appreciation are experienced, we are enabled to relate on a deeper level.

### English

In English, we will be learning about the different features of a 'Fantasy Narrative'. By the end of the unit, the children will have written their very own 'Fantasy Narrative', which will include description and action. We will then move onto writing a persuasive text. We will continue to learn our weekly spellings and our spelling lists will be sent home to learn – these will be tested every Friday. Please ensure your child practises their spellings as often as they can.

Reading must be in school every day. Please ensure that you are reading with your child each evening and signing their reading records. When the children have finished reading their book, please ask them questions about what they have read – this will help to develop their comprehension skills. When they have finished their book, they will take a quiz to test their understanding and then they will have their book changed. In addition to this, we will do a daily whole class guided reading session where we read a text together and answer questions about it

### Maths

In Maths, we are focusing on area and perimeter followed by a unit on fractions. Children will learn how to add and subtract fractions as well as multiplying and dividing a fraction by a whole number. Please continue to encourage your child to use TT Rockstars regularly.

### Science

Over this half term, we will be learning about Changes in Materials. We will learn that some materials will dissolve in liquid to form a solution, and describe how to recover a substance from a solution. We will also learn about filtering, sieving and evaporating.

### P.E

The children will have one P.E session a week, which is on a Friday. Please remember that your child needs to come to school in their P.E kit on a Friday (white t-shirt, black shorts or leggings/joggers and their school jumper).

### Geography

Our geography work this half term focuses on Rivers. Children will name and locate counties and cities of the United Kingdom, geographical regions, identify human and physical characteristics, key topographical features (including hills, mountains, coasts and rivers), and land-use patterns; and understand how some of these aspects have changed over time.

## Art

Children will learn about Frida Kahlo and analyse some of her work. Children will explore how Kahlo drew on her cultural background for her artwork. Children will understand what surrealism is in artwork before incorporating it in their own artwork.

## Homework

Homework will be given every Friday and it is to be returned to school the following Wednesday. Please ensure your child's homework is presented well and ensure they bring their homework book on time each week.

If you have any queries or concerns about your child's learning in year 5, please contact me using our class email: [5p@aliceinghamrc.rochdale.sch.uk](mailto:5p@aliceinghamrc.rochdale.sch.uk)

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

Miss Owen