



Nether Green Junior School

# Y5 Curriculum Newsletter Spring Term 2

## Celebrating last half term

The children worked very hard on their project last half term and impressed us with their ability to use secondary sources of evidence to answer our key question 'What was the Golden Age of Islam?'

A highlight of the half term was the children's retell of the story 'Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves'. The quality of their writing was absolutely fantastic and they included lots of the writing features that we have taught so far in Y5. This includes: complex sentences, varied punctuation, ambitious adjectives and fronted adverbials. Well done Y5!

## Useful information

### PE days are as follows:

Y5LN	Y5JE	Y5KL
Tuesday and Friday	Monday and Friday	Tuesday and Friday

As part of our computing curriculum, we are lucky enough to have Sheffield Girls High Outreach Programme to teach us all about programming robots. Each class will have three afternoons with them throughout the Spring term.

## **Project: What are mountains and where are they?**

We will be considering the following questions-

What are the UK's mountains and what are they like?

How are mountains formed?

What are the features of mountains?

What is the climate like in the mountains and how can this be a hazard to people living and visiting?

How is climate change and human activity affecting the mountain environment?

We will also have a stand-alone science project on: **Why is reproduction vital for all living things?** Within this project, we will be covering the anatomy of the male and female body and changes that happen to the body as we grow up.

## Life skills

In Life Skills this half term, we shall be considering the following question:

**How can we use the internet and devices safely?** We shall be learning specifically about the following areas:

Control and consent - how can we control our online lives?

How to protect our online identity.

Meeting strangers online – how can we stay safe?

## English

This half term our writing genres include:

- Persuasion
- Narrative
- Report writing

In SPaG we will continue to revise all of the KS2 punctuation and grammar. In addition to this, we will be learning to use devices to build cohesion within a paragraph and ellipsis.

Every two weeks, the children will be given a new set of spellings to learn, based on specific spelling rules or pattern.

The children will have a dedicated reading lesson three days a week as well as daily reading for pleasure time. These sessions give the children the opportunity to fully develop a range of reading skills. Our class novel this half term is A different kind of freedom: A Romani Story by Richard O' Neill.

## Ways to support your child at home

Home learning tasks will be included in each child's book.

Other useful home learning tasks include:

- Timestable Rockstar
- Reading (reading records will be sent home)
- Spelling revision
- Talking to them about Life Skills lessons
- SPaG.com

## Maths

In our daily maths lessons this term we will be covering the following topics:

- Decimals and Percentages
- Perimeter and Area
- Statistics

In addition, we will have a weekly 'Basic Skills' arithmetic lesson and two 'Flashback Maths' sessions which focus on revisiting and consolidating prior learning.