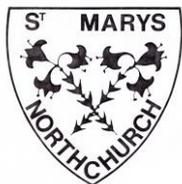


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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school for the summer term, which will be packed with exciting learning opportunities for the children. Our whole school topic this term is "Into the Wild", while our school value is "Love". For our class topic, we will be studying Darwin and the Galapagos Islands, and linking to this, our class book this term will be "Kensuke's Kingdom", an engaging tale of a boy washed up on a desert island by Michael Morpurgo.

Dates for your diary:

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May: S.A Film Club

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May: May Day bank holiday

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May: Assessment week

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May: Open classrooms after school

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May: Break up for half term

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May - Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May: Half term

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June: Children return

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June: Fiver Challenge begins (for four weeks)

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June: Mini-police programme for Year 5 begins (for seven weeks)

As usual, please ensure your child has a replenished pencil case for this half term, and that painting shirts and PE kits are in school at all times! If you have any questions about your child's learning or about anything else, please don't hesitate to ask!

Kind regards,

Mr Potter

An overview of learning in Year 5, Summer 1st Half Term 2018-19

<b>Understanding English, Communication and languages</b> (Speaking & Listening, Reading, Writing, MfL)	<b>Mathematical Understanding</b>	<b>Religious Education</b>
- Fiction writing based on our class text, "Kensuke's Kingdom". - grammar will continue to be taught explicitly by Mrs Forsyth on Fridays, and daily within whole class sessions, small group work and individually by Mr Potter. - French, taught weekly by Mrs Archbold.	The children will to be taught a variety of maths skills in the areas of: - written methods for the four operations. - reading and interpreting graphs and charts; understanding types of averages and probabilities - understanding decimals, percentages and fractions.	Our value for this term is Love. The children will be learning about the events and meaning of Pentecost, as well as learning about the importance of religious leaders and authority figures in shaping people's faith and beliefs.
<b>Scientific and Technological Understanding</b> (Science, Design & Technology)	<b>Historical, Geographical and Social Understanding</b> (PSHE, History, Geography)	<b>Computing</b>
In science this term, fitting in with our whole-school and class topics, we will be studying human and animal life. We will look at animal adaptations, teeth, digestion and the life cycles of both plants and animals.	In history and geography, we will be studying the Galapagos Islands, to which Charles Darwin famously travelled. We will study the flora and fauna of the islands, their formation through volcanic activity and their impact on Darwin's scientific thinking.	For our Computing unit this term, we will study the use of 3D modelling software to create realistic landscapes and objects with application to real-life situations.
<b>Understanding physical development, health and wellbeing.</b> (Physical Education, Personal and Economic Wellbeing)	<b>Understanding the Arts</b> (Art and Design, Music, Drama, Dance)	
PE will continue to be taught by Game On on Thursdays and by Mrs Forsyth on Fridays.	<u>Art and Design</u> For art and design this term, we will be using nature to inspire works of art in mixed media.	<u>Music</u> The children will continue to learn the ukulele this term.