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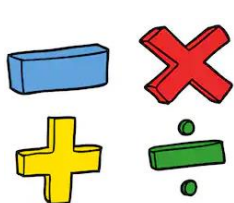
**Head Teacher: Mrs Posner**  
**Deputy Head Teacher: Mr Lumley**

**Monday 30th October 2023**

Dear Parents/Carers,

## **RE: Autumn 2 2023**

Welcome back! I hope you had a great half term. We have an exciting half-term ahead and below I have outlined the learning that will take place.

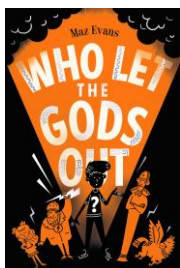
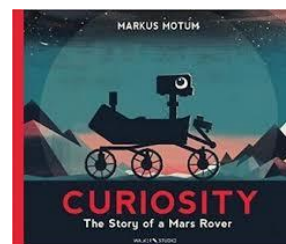


### **Maths**

Year 5 have made great progress in maths so far with place value and addition and subtraction. This half term, we will be focusing on multiplication and then move on to division. We will cover the division of 2, 3 and 4 digit numbers before moving onto solving a variety of word problems. Your support with helping children continue to practise mental maths questions at home and learn their times tables facts is greatly appreciated. If your child needs another copy of their TTRS login details, please let me know.

### **Literacy**

This half term, we will be using the book 'Curiosity: The Story of a Mars Rover' as a stimulus for our writing. We are working towards writing an information text to inform other children about Curiosity and how it was made. We will be learning to write using relative clauses and use brackets for parenthesis.



Our class book in reading is 'Who Let The Gods Out?' by Maz Evans. We spend 15 minutes reading this every day and our Monday and Friday guided reading lessons will focus on this class book. On Tuesdays and Thursdays we will study a new piece of text each day and work on different reading skills.

### **PSHE**

In PSHE, we will focus on our next Jigsaw module called 'Celebrating Differences'. This module looks at culture and how these differ, along with accepting and celebrating the



differences of others.

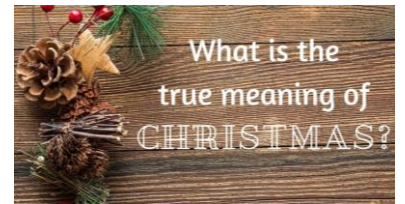


### Geography

Our geography focus for this half-term will be on two contrasting European countries. We will be learning about the human and physical geography of Portugal and Poland so that we can identify the similarities and differences.

### RE

In RE, we will be exploring Christmas and the meaning of this for Christians, whilst questioning whether the true meaning is still present today and whether it has changed for some people.



### Science

This half-term we will be exploring our solar system. Children will be finding out about the different planets in our solar system, how the sun, moon and Earth move and why we have day and night.

### Art

In Art, we will be looking at the sculptures and paintings of Henry Moore. Children will discover who Moore was and study some of his most famous bronze sculptures, before attempting their own. They will then study his wax-resist World War II work, created by brushing watercolours over wax crayon drawings.



### PE

Our PE days for this half-term will be **Wednesdays** (with Mr Sanson) and **Fridays** (with Mr Cox). Please ensure children have the correct school PE kit, including a PE jacket for lessons outside, and appropriate trainers or plimsolls.

### Homework

Year 5 spellings will be moved to Wednesdays for this half term. Please ensure your child brings their red spelling book with the words they have been practising in to school on a Wednesday. Our times table test will now be on Mondays. Children can practise at <https://ttrockstars.com/>

If you have any questions, please email me or see me after school at the gate.

Kind regards,

Mr Sanson

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