<u>Lea Endowed School</u> <u>Class 5 Newsletter - Friday 13th January 2017</u>

This Week

Welcome back and Happy New Year to you all. I hope that everybody had a wonderful Christmas break and enjoyed lots of wonderful family time. Whilst the Spring Term is much shorter than the Autumn one, it is the last full-term before SATs. This term we will be working very hard preparing for our tests, focusing on improving our Maths and English, Grammar and Spelling. Please be aware that from time to time I may send home extra-homework in preparation for SATs. If this causes any problems please let me know as soon as possible.

This week we have been watching a short film called 'Birthday Boy' set during the Korean War in 1951. The children have really enjoyed digging deeper into what happens in the film and trying to work out the meaning of things that happen. We have started to write sections of the film as a story and eventually we will write what happens next. In Maths we have been learning about coordinates, reflection and translation. I have been very impressed with the children's work this week.

In Science we are learning about the Circulatory System. It would be great if you could encourage your child to do some extra research at home not only about the circulatory system but about other body systems too. All extra-work that is done at home always goes on display.

Finally, thank you to all parents who contributed something for our rucksack appeal for our partner school in Gambia. As you may be aware there is a great deal of political unrest in the Gambia at the moment. To complement what we will be discussing in class it would be great if you could talk to your child about how wonderful it is to live in a country where we can make choices for ourselves about what we believe, think and do, and that of course, this is not the same everywhere.

Mr Smith - Class 5 Teacher



Reminders

- Please can you make sure that your child has their swimming kit and towel each Friday.
- Class 5s 'Open Door' evening is on a Thursday between 3.15pm and 4pm. Please feel free to come and enjoy your children's work or chat to me.

Next Term

Worship - Next term our worship theme is Forgiveness.' Each week selected children will be planning their own worship based on this theme.

Topic - Our topic theme is Heroes and Villains.

English - Next week we will be thinking about how Birthday Boy, a short film about the Korean War, is structured.

Maths - In Maths we will be looking at temperature and mean averages.

RE - We will be learning about Passover.

Science - In science we will be learning about exercise, health and the circulatory system.

History - In our History we will be thinking about the people who have been important in finding cures for various diseases.

PE - In PE we will be exploring how exercise through dance contributes to our physical well-being.

Computing - In Computing, we will be creating a healthy eating game using Scratch.

Diary Dates

Friday 13th January – Year 6 Swimming Friday 20th January – Year 6 Swimming Friday 27th January – Year 6 Swimming

Homework

Homework will be handed out on Friday this week. Can you please ensure that this is returned by Tuesday. I have noticed recently that some pieces of homework are not being fully completed. If there is an issue with any homework can you please let me know as soon as possible so that I can make alternative arrangements.

Outstanding Behaviour

Congratulations to **Niamh**, and **Isabelle** who have been on 'Outstanding' three or more times this week. Well done!

Curriculum Star of the Week – **Kyson**For showing the Christian Value of Forgiveness – **Lola**

