

# CLASS 5MC

THE PURPOSE OF THIS NEWSLETTER IS TO INFORM YOU OF THE TOPICS YOUR CHILD WILL BE STUDYING THIS HALF TERM

**Our theme for this half term is... Crime and Punishment through the ages...**

## Literacy

Our class text in Literacy this half term will be *Highwayman* by Alfred Noyes

Main areas of study will be:

story writing, journalistic writing and Dairy writing

Also, during literacy, your child will be focusing on sentence structure, grammar and spelling.

## Science

In Science our main topic will be 'forces. We will be:

- Exploring friction and its affect and uses on balanced and unbalanced forces.
- Investigating the effects of weight on objects and balanced forces
- Investigating gravity and weight.

## ICT

During ICT we will look at internet safety. We will also be using Google programs and using Scratch to code.

## PE

Our PE lessons will be taught by Miss Warvil our specialist PE teacher.

## Music

During music lessons the children will continue to learn how to play the violin with visiting music teacher, Mr Lynch

## Homework

Homework will be set on Fridays and should be returned to school by the following Wednesday.

Homework includes a spelling sheet, times table challenge and grammar or comprehension sheet.

## Numeracy

Main areas of study:

Place Value

written methods of calculation

Problem solving

Decimals, Fractions and percentages

Time

Also, we will be focusing on number facts. By the time children reach year 5, they should know all of their times tables. If your child does not know these facts, please can you encourage them to learn them at home as this rapid recall of number facts is key to success in maths.

## Geography and History

In Geography, we will use world maps and atlases to look where invaders landed in history. We will also look at how crime and punishment has changed throughout history, asking the question..."Does the punishment fit the crime?"

## RE

During RE we will be looking at the stories in the Bible that show us what Jesus' life was like. We will make connections in the text with the main events of the Easter story, looking at the implications of this for Christians

## Art/DT

In Art we will be working with charcoal and pastels to create images from our class text "Highwayman"

## Home reading

Children will be given their reading books to take home on a daily basis. They should be encouraged to read a few pages every night. Please discuss with your child what they've read before signing their reading record. Books need to be brought to school every day. if you have any questions, please see myself of Mrs Ketley at the end of the school day.