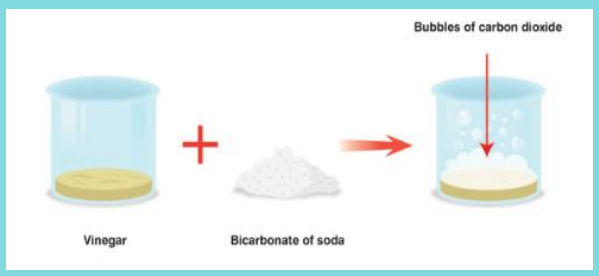
Class 5 Newsletter

Advent 2

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you had a lovely half term and could make the most of the warmer days we were fortunate to have. This half term is always a busy one with the curriculum and the exciting preparations for Christmas. Please see below for the areas of the curriculum your child will be learning about this half term.

Advent Term 2 Changing Materials	**Key vocabulary**
English We will work on transcription, composition, grammar and punctuation through a range of text types such as diary writing, persuasive writing, narrative and non-fiction. Stimuli will come from a range of film, books and speaking and listening activities with some links to our History and Science topics above. Specific handwriting sessions will take place weekly. Children will practise spelling rules and patterns and these will be tested on a weekly basis.	Paragraphs Apostrophes Commas Brackets Relative clauses Dialogue Adverbials
Maths The areas covered this term are: multiplication and fractions. Times tables and arithmetic tests will be carried out regularly. The children are expected to know all times tables up to 12x12. This really helps them with multiplication tasks.	Factors Common factors Prime numbers Cube numbers Square numbers Equivalent fractions Improper fractions
RE The topics this term are: Other Faiths – Judaism and Prophecy and Promise. We will be learning about the significance of David in the Old Testament and for Christmas today.	Community Participation Ancestry Psalm Blessings Antiphons O Antiphons Vespers
Science The topic this term is 'Changing Materials'. The Lessons will focus on reversible and irreversible changes. We will be looking into the weird and wonderful world of Heston Blumenthal's creations! 	Solubility Conductivity Transparency Evaporation Dissolve Reactant Product Filtering Melting Reversible change Irreversible change
RSHE This half term will focus on what makes a positive friendship and how to proactively deal with peer pressure.	Mutual respect Truthfulness Loyalty Kindness Generosity

Music The children are continuing to play their chosen instrument. The focus this half term is on dynamics – what this means and how they affect the style of music being listened to or played.	Dynamics Fast Slow Fortissimo
DT We will be investigating, designing, building and evaluating CAM toys. The children will be designing and building a moving, pop-up toy. Shoe boxes are needed in class as soon as possible please.	Cam, follower, axle, shaft Crank, handle, rotary movement, reciprocating motion, exploded diagram, functionality



Homework will be set each **Friday**. The children will need to hand it back in by the following Thursday. We also expect the children to read at least 3 times a week and make comments in their school organisers. Weekly spellings will also need to be practised and learnt.

PE

The PE lessons will take place on **Monday and Friday** afternoons. The children must come to school in their PE kits on these days please.

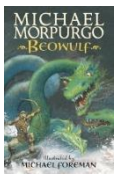
Usual kit: navy shorts, white t-shirt, trainers
Winter kit: navy jogging bottoms, white t-shirt, school jumper or navy jogging top.
No big emblems or images please.

Daily OPAL activities are being undertaken each day too.



Reading

Reading for pleasure is encouraged daily in class. The children have their school reading book and we are also reading 'Beowulf' (children's version) in class. Every child will get the opportunity to read aloud and individually with an adult in class.



Please do not hesitate to contact me via the school office if you have any questions or concerns. I am keen to work in partnership with you to ensure they have a highly successful year.

Kind regards,
Mrs Nicholson