



# AUTUMN NEWS

## Events:

- Friday 14th September—Y6 Mass in School at 9.30am.
- Birmingham Prince William 18th September.
- Wednesday 26th September - Go Ape Trip.
- Friday 28th September- School Photo's.
- Monday 1st October—Y5 Mass in Church.
- Wednesday 3rd & Thursday 4th October - Parents evening 3.30-6.00pm.
- Year 5 Wow Day-Acrobatic Wow Day.
- Wednesday 10th October - Inset Day
- Monday 22nd October - Briars Parents meeting in the school hall at 3.30pm.
- Wednesday 24th October - KS2 Choral Speaking performance.
- Friday 26th October - French Friday.
- Friday 26th October - Break up for half term.



## DO THE LITTLE THINGS WELL.

### WELCOME BACK

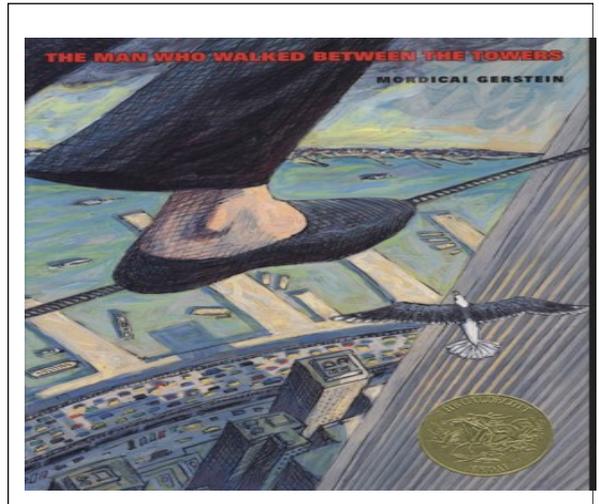
We hope you had an enjoyable summer break with your families and are looking forward to a very busy term.

### R.E

The first RE topic of the year is 'Ourselves' where we learn about how we show love and care to those around us, and how we are all made in the image of God. We will relate scripture to how we live our lives today, following Jesus' example. Our second topic is Life Choices, where we will focus on how Christians make a commitment to God and how this shapes our lives.

### Literacy

This half term we will be using the text *The Man Who Walked Between The Towers*. The children will be creating their own



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fact file on the Twin Towers, historical flashbacks and newspaper reports. It is a fantastic book that the children will thoroughly enjoy. In the second half-term we will be working with a book called *Beowulf* by Michael Morpurgo. These books are readily available in the library and it would be great if the children could begin to read them and familiarise themselves with the books.

## WHAT IS MY MISSION?

### Maths

At the start of this term we will be covering number and place value, Roman numerals and addition and subtraction problem solving. We will then cover multiplication, division an, in-

cluding reflection and translation. The children will continue to be set weekly Mathematics challenges as part of their homework, as well as the Maths questions on the weekly homework sheet. These activities help support the learning taking place in class.

## Homework

Homework will go out on a Friday and should be handed in by the following Wednesday. It will range from Maths problem solving, reading activities/games, spelling, punctuation and research for the coming weeks.

We ask that you check your child's work and initial it before it comes back to school. It is expected that children in Year Five should read every night for approximately 15 minutes (including reading aloud), and will be asking you to record their reading in the school organiser on a daily basis (including independent reading).

The homework set is directly linked to our work in class and it is very important that your child completes their homework on time.

Spellings and times tables will be tested on a Friday.



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## Topic

Our topic for the first half-term is Science based looking at Forces, with our overall question 'Would You Walk The Wire?' This will link in with our book and the forces that were acting on Philippe Petit during his acrobatic walk between the Twin Towers.

Following the half-term break we dive straight into our 'Anglo-Saxon/Viking' topic. Our key question will be 'Were The Anglo-Saxons Really Smashing?' Geography and History will have important links to this topic as we analyse where the Anglo-Saxons originated from, what type of weapons were used and how they formed their attacks.

## Science

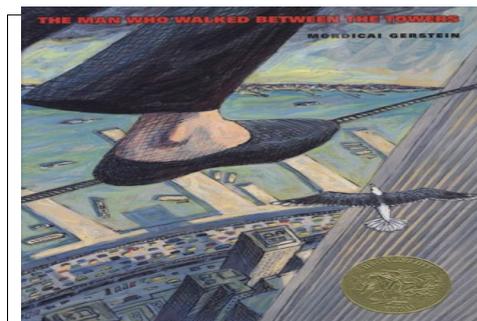
In Science we will be investigating and finding out about Forces. This will involve learning the different types of forces and investigations with real-life objects. This will be a great opportunity for the children to take part in group work and plan a fair test. Science will provide the children with the important skills of making predictions, analysing results, identifying anomalies and evaluating data.

## PE

PE will be taking place every Wednesday afternoon. It is essential that the children bring in their own PE kit at the beginning of half term and can be bought home at the end of half term. A list of the PE can be found in your child's school organiser. PE is part of the National Curriculum and so it is important that every child takes part. If a child does not bring their kit into school, the school office will call parents to arrange a PE kit to be dropped off in school. Children will also take part with Nottingham Forest led activities on a Wednesday Lunchtime but will only need to wear trainers.

## Computing

In Computing the children are going to be designing their own simple computer game. They will be planning, designing, programming, and marketing their game. They will look at the tessellation of shapes through Adobe Illustrator.



Philippe Petit

## Year 5 Team

May we thank you in advance for your support and we look forward to a very successful Autumn term.

Mr Hewlett, Miss Baker, Mrs Ryan, Mrs Pencil and Mr Heron.