### **Important Dates:**

Thursday 5th October—Parent's Evening

Monday 9th October— Planetarium

23rd—27th October—Half term

November TBC—Rainforest Roadshow

Friday 15th December—Christmas Production TBC

### **Staff in Year Group:**

Mrs Hoult

Mrs Shackleton

Miss Wright

Mr Gould

Mrs Miles

Miss Furlong

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## **Wodensfield Primary School**



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Year 5
Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn 2017

#### **Topics Covered**

#### **Over Autumn Term**

#### **English**

English work will form a very major part of the school day. Children will be encouraged to develop their writing skills by preparing work for a variety of audiences using different styles and structures; writing to persuade, comparing films and books and poetry. Pupils will be working in groups for shared reading. Children will be encouraged to develop independent spelling strategies.

#### Maths

Our number work will include addition, subtraction, multiplication and division of larger numbers, mental maths and problem solving.

We will also be studying shape and space, angles, area, volume and capacity. 'Mental Maths' strategies will be tried and tested - these will include weekly times tables and Mental Maths tests with children trying to improve their speed and accuracy.

#### Science

#### **Earth & Space**

Children find fascinating facts about the Sun, Moon and Earth and develop an understanding of day and night, the four seasons and the Moon's phases. The Sun and the planets making up our Solar System are investigated, along with the other stars in their constellation.

#### Computing

In Year 5 pupils will learn about how to use online resources safely and sensibly. They will contribute to blogs, become researchers and understand how to use advanced functions in Microsoft Office and other common apps used in school.

#### <u>P.E.</u>

Gymnastics—based around the 5 basic jumps.

Dance—Titanic themed linking to work covered in Literacy.

Games— multi skills, working on teamwork, sending and receiving.

#### History

The story of Ancient Egypt has survived for thousands of years. Egypt was one of the greatest civilizations of the past. We will look at their Pharaohs, customs and lifestyles. We will also take inspiration from the pyramids in our art work.

#### Geography

The children in year 5 will be studying the Earth's different biomes and climatic zones. We will start with a really close investigation of deserts and rainforests.

#### <u>R.E.</u>

Rites of Passage, Joseph Singing: Songs from Joseph

#### <u>Art</u>

Using Ancient Egypt as a backdrop, the children will develop a range of drawing techniques to present landscapes of the Great pyramids.

#### Drama

Introduction to basic drama techniques.

Mime.

# Other Useful Information

#### Homework

Weekly homework for English and Maths will be given through the Autumn term.

#### **Spellings**

Weekly spelling lists will be given out and tested during the Autumn Term. They will also be on our school website.

# Possible places to visit with your child:

- Wednesfield Library
- St Thomas' Church
- Pendeford Mill
- Birmingham Think Tank
- Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery