

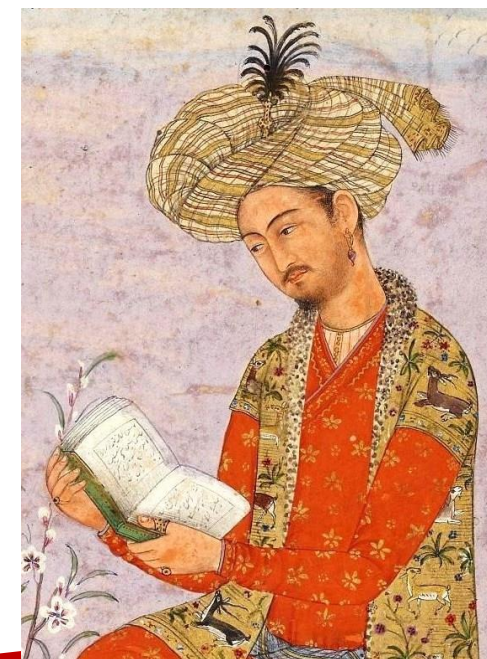
## Important dates and Celebrations:

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| Monday    | 1 <sup>st</sup> Nov  | All Saints' Day                    | Christian  |
| Tuesday   | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov  | All Souls' Day                     | Christian  |
| Thursday  | 4 <sup>th</sup> Nov  | Diwali/Deepavali                   | Hindu Holiday                                    |
| Friday    | 5 <sup>th</sup> Nov  | Guy Fawkes Day                     |  |
| Sunday    | 14 <sup>th</sup> Nov | Remembrance Sunday                 |  |
| Friday    | 19 <sup>th</sup> Nov | Children in Need                   | <b>Wear spots, bring £1 for Children in Need</b> |
| Sunday    | 28 <sup>th</sup> Nov | First Sunday of Advent             |  |
| Monday    | 29 <sup>th</sup> Nov | First Day of Hanukkah              | Jewish holiday                                   |
| Tuesday   | 30 <sup>th</sup> Nov | St Andrew's Day                    |  |
| Monday    | 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec  | Last day of Hanukkah               | Jewish holiday                                   |
| Wednesday | 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec  | Feast of the Immaculate Conception | Christian  |
| Friday    | 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec | End of term                        | <b>School finishes early</b>                     |
| Tuesday   | 21 <sup>st</sup> Dec | December Solstice                  |  |
| Friday    | 24 <sup>th</sup> Dec | Christmas Eve                      |  |
| Saturday  | 25 <sup>th</sup> Dec | Christmas Day                      | Bank holiday, Christian holiday                  |
| Sunday    | 26 <sup>th</sup> Dec | Boxing Day                         |  |
| Monday    | 27 <sup>th</sup> Dec | Bank holiday                       |  |
| Tuesday   | 28 <sup>th</sup> Dec | Bank holiday                       |  |
| Friday    | 31 <sup>st</sup> Dec | New Year's Eve                     |  |



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CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

**RISE UP**



Dear Parents and Carers,

Once again, I'm delighted to welcome the children back to school for the second half of the Autumn Term. This half of term, we will be continuing to focus on the core skills in Maths, Reading and Writing that children need to learn to progress with added emphasis on the children showing that they are able to critically self-assess their work as research has shown that children who can do this effectively, make faster progress in their learning. We will, of course, be supporting them in how to do this. Our learning will tie around our history theme looking at the Silk Road, the Mughal Empire and the relationship between Britain and India. We will explore this through our Writing, Science, Reading and Art. As always, if any parent wishes to discuss anything with me, please make an appointment through the office.

Mr. Lucas

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## Maths

This term we will begin by looking at statistics, and specifically line graphs. We will be interpreting data and looking at timetables. Following this we will be looking in depth at multiplication and division. We will be looking in depth at the relationship between the two and using this to solve word problems. We will be focusing on understanding and knowing each times table.

## Let's Read

The children will continue to take part in whole class reading sessions. We will be focusing on fact and opinion, descriptive and figurative language, asking questions for clarity and finding information in the text amongst others. This half of term, we will look at an Zlata's diary, a non-fiction text, and then The Firework Maker's Daughter and Journey to Jo'burg.

## Science

This half term we will be focusing on materials. We will begin by looking at the different spices that could have been traded on the Silk Road, and describing their properties. We will look at reversible and irreversible reactions, and look at different ways to separate different mixtures and solutions. We will experiment with dissolving to see which materials are soluble, and which are insoluble.

## Let's Write

With The Silk Roads by Peter Frankopan and folk tales from Central Asia as a starting point, we will create letters home from Marco Polo, and rich descriptive writing about life as a nomad, using the past perfect tense and fronted adverbials. Inspired by the classic story 'Emil and the Detectives', children will create their own detective stories using expanded noun phrases, modal verbs and apostrophes as our SPaG focus.

## Homework

Homework will be set via Doodle Maths, with additional spelling sent home every week. Some children may receive additional tasks through Doodle Maths to help support their learning. We also ask that children read with an adult and/or use Reading Plus or Lexia and practise their times tables regularly with TT Rock Stars.

## Computing

We will be looking at encryption and the need to keep information safe and secure, as well as looking at safe passwords. We will study ways that messages were sent and received in the time of the East India Company, looking at semaphore and morse code.

# This half term in Year 5 ...

## History and Geography

We will study the history of the Mughal Empire and the relationship between India and Britain, taking a non-Eurocentric perspective on world events. We will look at why India was for so long the richest country on Earth, and imagine a day in the life of a Mughal Emperor. We will look at how and why the British came to power in India and the more recent positive links between Britain and India today.

## Art

We will be researching Mughal portraits of the 16th and 17th centuries, and the use of pattern in Indian art. We will create our own portraits in the Mughal style exploring Indian traditions of colour, pattern and line.

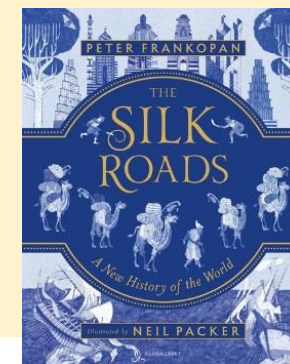
## Music

In this half term Year 5 will be looking at notation and pitch. They will be learning to sing and play the pentatonic scale which is used heavily in Chinese music.

## Religious Education

We will begin by looking at the big question of 'What can we learn from wisdom?' We will use proverbs from different religions and offer advice to our future selves. We will also ask 'How do Art and Music convey Christmas?' and examine the representation of Christmas in painting and carols.

## We are reading:



**Just a reminder...**



Please ensure that your child is wearing their P.E. kit on **Tuesday** for their lesson.

Swimming lessons take place on **Wednesday** afternoons and children should come to school in their **PE kit** and bring their **swimming costume** and **towel**