

# Year 5

## Spring Newsletter

Dear Parents,

A Happy New Year to you all!

We are already into our second term of the school year and looking forward to a term filled with exciting opportunities.

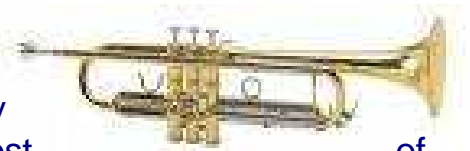
Our main topic for this term is 'People and Events that changed Britain'. Through this topic the children will explore many significant characters and events such as Shakespeare, Tudor Explorers, Brunel, the formation of the Football League, The Great Plague and Eyam. The children will also be choosing their own person or event to study and will give a presentation to the class about them.



All the other curriculum areas have been linked as much as possible to our topic theme. In R.E. the topics this term are Journeys, Communion and Growing. The Literacy Units are Autobiographies and Biographies, Dramatic Conventions and Formal/ Impersonal Writing. We will be learning about how to keep ourselves healthy and Micro-organisms through our Science topics and in ICT, the children are creating PowerPoint presentations linked to the topic, as well as using Stop Go Animation. We will be

making bread and biscuits in our Design and Technology week, which complements our Science topics.

Our Music lessons will continue every Tuesday morning. Hopefully you have received the letter about the Music Concert which will be taking place on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March. It is important that your child makes the most of their opportunity to learn a brass instrument, so please encourage them to practise playing their instrument at home as much as possible.



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During this term, we will have even more fantastic opportunities to work with people from the wider community. The theatre company 'Babbling Vagabonds' are going to be working on a Creative Partnership project with all the class. I am sure you will hear all about our sessions from the children soon enough!

If I could ask for your support once again in encouraging your child to take responsibility for their learning by ensuring they bring their reading book and reading log to school EVERYDAY. They also have their spelling tests on a Monday morning, so should have their spelling book on a Monday also.



The next Parents Evening will take place on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March. However, if you have any questions, queries or concerns, or just would like to discuss your child's progress, please do not hesitate to contact me.

**Mrs J Smalley and Miss J Pope**