



Jesus promised, “I came that you may have life and have it to the full.” John 10:10

*Every child at Fladbury will know they are loved by God, have a **happy heart** and be part of a flourishing, well-led school. When they leave Fladbury, they will be well-prepared to meet challenges, confident in their abilities and look forward to their **bright futures** with an **open mind**.*

AUTUMN TERM 2025-2026
INFORMATION FOR PARENTS - Severn Class Year 5 / 6

A warm welcome back after the school holidays and into a brand new academic year! I hope you all had a brilliant and restful summer holiday. I'm very much looking forward to getting to know our brand new Year 5s in Fladbury's first Year 5 cohort.

We will be splitting this term into two main topics. Our first topic this half term will be the **Amazing Americas**, where we will be investigating the geography of the countries within North and South America. We will be looking at capital cities and comparing different characteristics of countries and learning about where they are located in the world. They will also be introduced to the Tropic of Cancer, Tropic of Capricorn, the Equator and much more. After half term, we will be developing our knowledge of **WWII** and investigating causes of the war and comparing the soldiers that fought on the Western Front to the Blitz.

English: Initially, we will be focusing on the story **Twitch** by **M.G. Leonard**. This is an adventure story about a young boy, who is obsessed with birds, and he has to use his talents in the hunt for a dangerous prisoner and find the missing loot. We will be developing our skills in creating and writing effective character descriptions. We will continue to follow our story with the aim of retelling an element of it from a different perspective and discussing how a change in point of view can shift the tone of a narrative. Following on from this, we will be writing biographies and diary entries. We will finish off the term learning about poetry and analyse famous poems from the Second World War.

Reading: In Severn Class, we will be reading 3 books: **One Million Insects** by **Isabel Thomas**; **Rose Blanche** by **Ian McEwan** and **Carol Ann Duffy's New and Collected Poems**. Each text will work on the children's ability to discuss their opinions through the use of evidence highlighted within the text. They will be given opportunities to read aloud and make detailed predictions. Each of these texts encompasses a wide range of ways to impart knowledge and the children will see how imagery can enhance and develop clarity of the words on the page.

Maths: We will start the year revisiting place value. The children will be revisiting the same concepts that they learnt in Year 3 and 4 but building up to 1,000,000. We will also be introducing them to negative numbers this year. Then we will be developing

our addition and subtraction abilities; learning how to convert mixed number fractions to improper fractions and vice versa; long multiplication and the formal method for short division. Whilst the children completed their **official multiplication test** in Year 4, we would like the children to continue to practise their times tables regularly as this will benefit them greatly when we move onto harder topics such as multiplication and division; fractions, multiples and factors. Every child in Severn Class has the same **Times Tables Rock Stars** account that they had last year, but I am happy to reprint these details should you need them.

P.E: Severn Class will be having PE on Monday and Thursday afternoons. Children will need to be in **labelled** school PE kits on those days. Long hair will need to be tied up for PE and jewellery will need to be removed. We will be doing outdoor sports, so please ensure your child has a coat with them, along with warm joggers and a hoodie, because we will be out in mild rain.

RE: Initially, we are going to be answering the question '**What does it mean for Christian's to believe that God is holy and loving?**', where we are going to be investigating why it is important for Christians to believe God is both holy and loving. We will be beginning to discuss how people who don't believe may think differently to Christians. Additionally, how these two themes are illustrated within different media (the Bible and hymns). After half term, we will be working towards answering '**Why do Christians believe that Jesus is the Messiah?**' and developing our verbal explanation skills to challenge and express an opinion.

Art: This term we will be studying Beatriz Milhazes, who is a contemporary artist from Brazil. Her artwork is loud and creative; full of patterns and colours. The children will be creating collages inspired by her work and using similar techniques that she used to create her masterpieces.

Computing: In Autumn term, we are going to be creating various types of media. We will start with video production, using the ipads and then learn how to create a web page.

Music: This term Severn Class will be having recorder lessons, look out for the Dojo updates to let you know when they will be. This is an exciting opportunity for the children to participate in and learn to play the recorder.

Science: We are delving into the world of Biology this term. Across the term we will be exploring the topic '**Animals including humans**'! This includes a wide variety of new learning and skills. We start off the term learning about life cycles. We will be looking at the circle of life and analyse how humans change throughout their life from being in the womb, through puberty and the later stages of life. After half term, we will be continuing with the same topic but turning our learning inwards to our circulatory system and our heart. We will be looking at how our diet and lifestyle can affect our heart.

Miss Wilson will be teaching Severn Class on a Monday afternoon. She will be teaching **French**.

Continue to look out for any information and updates on your Class Dojo page. Also, look out later in the term for more information on **homework** in Year 5.

Thank you for all your support with your child's education, it continues to make a real difference.

Yours sincerely,
Miss Anthony and Mrs Lemon