

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**.*

SPRING TERM 2025-2026

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS - Severn Class Year 5 / 6

Dear all

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and New Year! We've got lots of new learning happening this term.

We will be splitting this term into two main topics. Our first topic this half term will be the **Magnificent Mountains**, where we will be soaring to new heights and investigating some of the highest points on Earth. We will be expanding our knowledge of both physical geography (isolines, climates and topography) and human geography (extreme tourism, travel and settlements). After half term, we will be diving into a vast period of history - **Stone Age to Iron Age** where we will be looking at how people survived in harsh environments; why Skara Brae was important for understanding life in the Stone Age and why Iron Age people developed hillforts and why the Druids were important in Iron Age Britain.

English: Initially, we're developing our non-fiction knowledge by researching, planning and drafting newspaper articles about the Suffragettes using information from key texts such as **Suffragette: The Battle for Equality**. The children will get to enhance their abilities at using emotive language but with a more formal tone. Following on from this, we will be writing more poetry; information texts that link to our science topic of evolution. They will be introduced to more Year 5/6 SPAG in the forms of colons within lists and building on their knowledge of tenses.

Reading: We will be reading some amazing books in Guided Reading this term. We have three different books to study this term: On the Origin of Species retold by Sabina Radiva; Clockwork by Phillip Pullman and The Snow Goose by Paul Gallico. Each of these texts encompasses a vastly different skill set and I'm sure the children will enjoy each text type.

Maths: We start off this term continuing with adding and subtracting fractions. Closely followed by returning to multiplication and division where the children will be introduced to formal written methods, such as short multiplication, long multiplication and short division. After this, we will learn further methods with fractions and the children will learn how to multiply and divide fractions. They will also be working with decimals, volumes, perimeters, areas and percentages.

Science: This term, we are going to be learning about Evolution and Inheritance. We will be investigating Charles Darwin's theory of evolution and

~~how natural selection impacts the entire world. They will be conducting many experiments and observations where they will recreate some of Darwin's research on finches. Initially, we will analyse adaptations before diving deeper and learning about how these changes can occur and how DNA plays a major role in making us all unique.~~

RE: In the first half term we will be answering the question '**Why do Hindus try to be good?**' and we will be learning about the four Hindu aims of life and why they are important. We will be reflecting on the impact Karma and *Dharma* might have on individuals and the world. After half term, we will change our focus to Christianity in the lead up to Easter and work towards answering: **For Christians, what kind of king was Jesus?** This will challenge the children to develop their ability to articulate their own opinions and justify their viewpoints.

Computing: This term Computing will be split into two main areas: Data and Information (**Flat-file databases**) and Data and Information (**Introduction to spreadsheets**). The children will learn how to organise data in different ways and how to create graphs and charts from their data to help solve problems.

Music: This term we will be analysing how musical styles connect us and developing our ensemble skills.

Art and DT: We'll be creating sculptures out of clay inspired by Vanessa Hogge's ceramic artwork. She creates one-off artwork which are inspired by her passion for all things botanical. The children will be working to sculpt mountain flowers inspired by her intricate and unique designs. After half term, we will begin our DT unit on understanding electrical systems and develop our abilities to use more complex switches and circuits.

P.E.: Our PE days this term are still Mondays and Thursdays. All our PE this year is outdoor PE, so please ensure that your child is dressed appropriately for the weather. This term we will be learning how to play: netball, basketball and football.

Continue to look out for any information and updates on your ClassDojo page.

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