

# Ellesmere Primary School

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Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2018

## Summer term - Year 5

This term we have welcomed Mr Felton, an Associate Teacher from Chester University. He will be working predominantly in Istanbul; he will also have the opportunity to work with Moscow.



We have had an exciting start to the summer term in year 5 by getting our new topic underway – Medicine through the ages. On Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> April, we welcomed Kevin Goodman, from Bows and Blades, who brought with him an array of artefacts to show us how medical procedures have evolved over time. We had some fantastic questions and answers from the children and Kevin was blown away by their knowledge of the subject. We are very excited to continue this subject by looking at the timeline of medicine through the ages from Ancient Egypt to the plague! We will be holding our termly Open Afternoon (detail to follow soon) for you to come and see the children's fantastic work.

In Maths we have already begun to build on our knowledge of fractions by applying them to reasoning and problem solving activities; this will deepen the children's thinking around the subject. In English, we have started to look at non-chronological reports; we will be linking this to our topic by looking at the Victorian workhouses, linking in nicely with our class read *Street Child* by Berlie Doherty. We plan to cover this brilliant children's novel in our English lessons in the next coming weeks.

In Science we are kick starting the term looking at living things and their habitats. We will be exploring the life cycle of mammals and the process of metamorphosis. During our lessons we will look at significant people in this field: Jane Goodall and David Attenborough.



## Homework

Children will continue to receive weekly homework. This will be set on a Friday and will consist of a spelling list, a piece of additional English work and an online maths activity. The maths activity will be through Mathletics. Please help your child to be prepared and give them a prompt to ensure they have their Homework Diary every Friday.

Keep encouraging your child to read daily. It is essential in both developing fluency and expression. Children should now be confident with all their times tables so should challenge themselves on TimesTable Rockstars to be the best pop star they can!



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**Swimming & PE** – Istanbul and Moscow will have swimming on Tuesdays. Both classes have outdoor PE on Friday. Children should take responsibility for ensuring they have the required kit in school. It is suggested that children with earrings leave them out for that day.

**Water bottles** – children are allowed to have water bottles in class as it is good for them to keep hydrated throughout the day. However, they should only contain water: no juice please!

If you have any questions please do not hesitate in coming in to speak to us. Many thanks for your continued support.

Miss Stone & Miss O'Keefe

