

## Year 5 Newsletter Autumn 1



*Class Blogs: to facilitate the learning process, we regularly post learning materials online. The content of the Class Blogs will enable parents to support their child at home.*



We are going begin year 5 by identifying different word classes (nouns, verbs, adverbs, adjectives and determiners). This will enable us to become more creative with our sentence structures. To develop our descriptive skills we are going to focus on including fronted adverbials and expanded noun phrases. We will be using a few different texts to inspire our writing including **Stone Age Sentinel**, **The Secrets of Stonehenge** and **Wolf Brother**. Our spellings will look at different prefixes and suffixes and these will be posted each week on our Class Blog.

We will be starting the half term by building on our knowledge of place value which is a vital foundation for all areas of Mathematics. As we move through the half term, we will use formal written methods alongside mental methods to add and subtract. Finally, we will explore statistics, linking this to our **Science** learning of tracking human growth. Our Class Blog will provide challenges and videos to support the acquisition of fundamental Maths skills.



Children will create a Stone Age house using clay and materials which have been collected from our local environment; Clayton Woods. They will then organise a **Stone Age Museum Showcase** to share this experience with their parents and carers.



This half term, the children will be learning about the changes which occur as humans develop from babies through to old age. Pupils will look closely at the growth which occurs during the first years of life, using graphs to present thier finding. We will also take this opportunity to discuss changes happening in our own bodies.

In **PHSE**, children will explore how messages given on food adverts can be misleading. They will also think about how the media can manipulate images and that these images may not reflect reality. **Computing** will focus on the dangers and risks of the internet. Children will also try to understand the effects of comments online and how to communicate appropriately. Our topic this half term will be **Stone Age to Iron Age**. The children will explore the prehistoric era; learning about daily life, tribal kingdoms, farming, art and culture. This will provide inspiration for our **Design and Technology** project which will involve the children using clay to sculpt their own Stone Age house.

