# Binstead Primary School Curriculum Leaflet Year 5 Autumn Term 2



## Dear Parents and Carers,

We are now in one of our busiest terms of the year, with the excitement of Christmas building. Soon, we will send out information about what we would like the children to wear for the Christmas production, so please look out for this.

We are currently trying to arrange a visit from our local expert on all things History, Estelle Baker. She will be coming to lead a workshop about Ancient Egypt. There will be a contribution for this, however there will be no transport costs. We are waiting for a date from Estelle and will let you know as soon as we have it.

Any questions, please let us know.

Many thanks,

Mrs Dunford & Miss Lockwood.

### <u>PE</u>

PE continues to be on Wednesday (outside) and Thursdays (inside)

#### **Mathematics**

Currently, we are learning about fractions, including converting between improper fractions and mixed numbers. After this, we start a unit which involves reading and interpreting information in tables, including timetables. This would be a good time to practise telling the time at home with the children, as there is an expectation that at this stage children should be able to tell the time, both digitally and on an analogue clock

We will then move onto a unit about geometry, including identifying 3-D and 2-D shape, identifying angles and exploring reflection and translation.

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## **Science**

In Science, we are continuing to learn about the lifecycles of different animals and plants, and comparing different types. Once this has been completed, we will be moving onto finding out about forces. This includes understanding that forces can be categorised as pushes or pulls, and gaining a deeper understanding of friction, air resistance and water resistance. Will also be finding out about the Scientist Isaac Newton.

## Curriculum

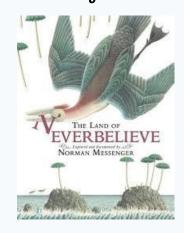
During this half term, we will be starting to learn about ancient civilisations, with a particular focus on Ancient Egypt. This will involve exploring the features of life at that time, including aspects such as buildings, clothing and religious beliefs. We will also be comparing life in Egypt at this time to other places.

For Design & Technology, we will be exploring the development of cars and making our battery-powered cars, using a wooden structure. We will also be learning vocabulary and sentence structures linked to the theme of shopping in our French lessons.





#### **English**



WE have moved on to the wonderful book, 'The Land of Never Believe' by Norman Messenger. It is a written in the style of a scientific journal, however the content is about a fantasy Island. We are going to be using this as a model for our own creative writing, with a great focus on sentence structure and using exciting vocabulary. We will also write a persuasive piece, encouraging people to buy the strange fruit and vegetables grown on the Island.