

**Nelson Mandela School**  
**Parent's Newsletter Year 5**  
**Summer Term 1 2017**

Dear Parents,

Welcome back, we hope you enjoyed your Easter break. We have a very exciting term ahead in year 5!

Firstly, our lessons will cover a range of new, interesting topics. In science we are learning about Properties and Changes of Materials, including boiling, dissolving and freezing. This has a close link with our Art topic which will include creating sculptures using a range of materials. Our history and geography lessons will be covering the vast subject of Human Rights; from the beginnings of Children's Rights in the Victorian times to Woman's Rights throughout history to Human Rights today around the World. In computing our topic is 'We Are Meteorologists' and children will be learning about weather patterns and how weather is recorded across the world. In P.E. the children will be developing their tennis skills and in R.E we will be focusing on how the characteristics of being temperate and exercising self-discipline are taught through different religions. Finally, in music we will be listening and responding to Grime music, and discussing how Grime has been influenced by many other music styles.

Alongside our lessons this term, we have been offered a very special opportunity to work with The Birmingham Hippodrome for a major performance art project. We will write to you with more information nearer the time, but the project will involve the children creating a piece of performance art as a whole class, performing this at a festival in June! We will keep you posted on this exciting event!

Please don't forget, P.E continues to take place on Thursday afternoons so please ensure your child bring their P.E kit with them on this day.

As the weather will (hopefully) be getting warmer, please also ensure your child brings in a water bottle everyday to keep them hydrated.

Homework will continue to be set each week for Literacy and Maths. Please ensure you support your child's progress by helping them to learn their spellings and time tables, and by reading regularly with them at home. Also you can use the school website which has links to extra online learning activities such as Education City and Mathletics.

Thank you for your continuing support.

Many thanks,

Year 5 team