

## Class Five Newsletter

Welcome back to the start of another year. I hope that you have an enjoyable holiday and you're back and ready for the hard work to begin!

This letter contains information about our topic for this Autumn term, alongside the basic classroom organisation, homework days, PPA times and cover, timetables and P.E. days.

My classroom door is always open and if there is anything that you would like to discuss I am available before and after school each day, face to face or at the end of a phone.

### **What will we be learning about this term?**

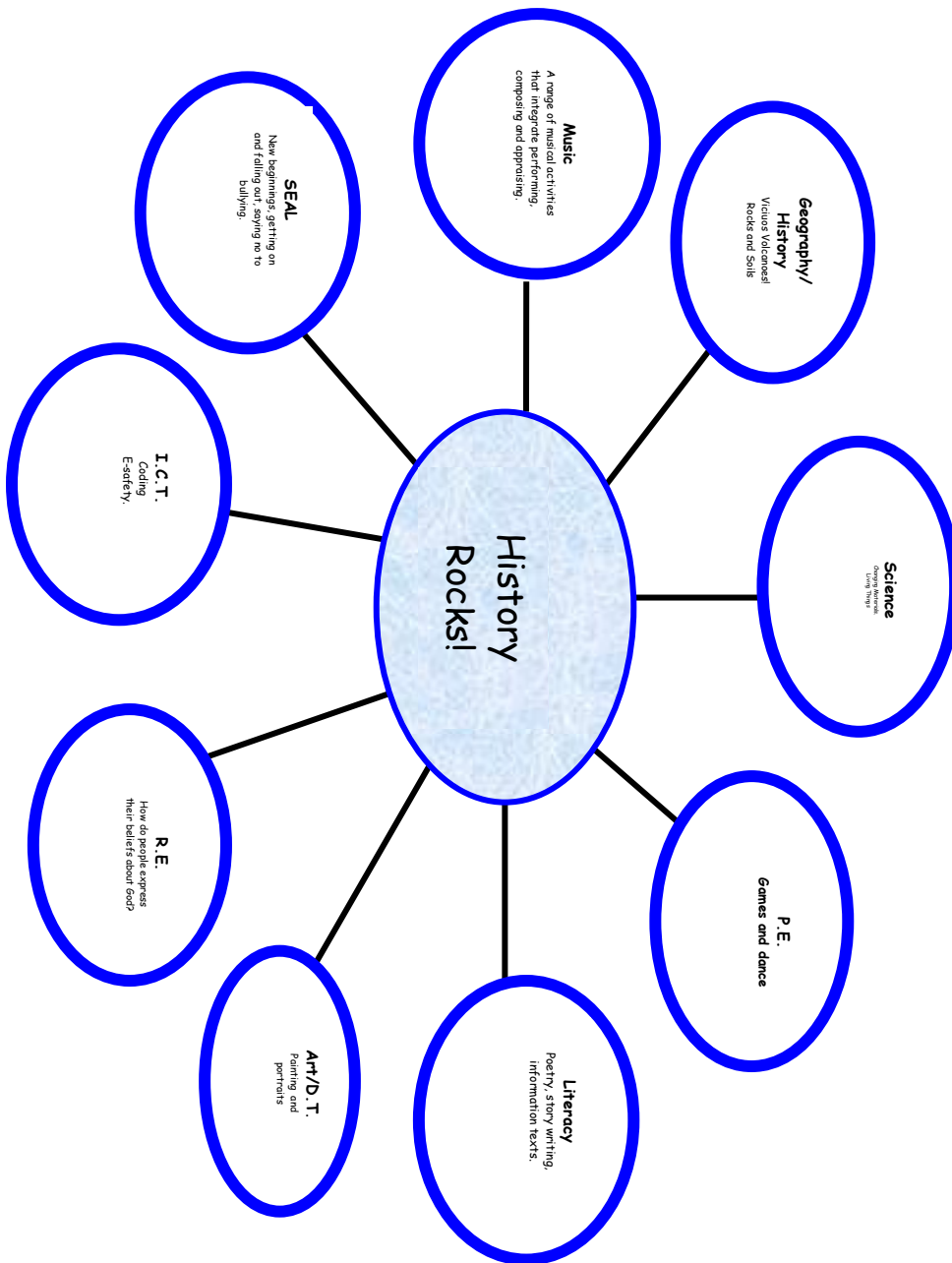
Below is a brief summary of some of the things the children will be learning about this term. You will also find a topic overview at the end of this newsletter.

#### Literacy

The children will be following the Primary Framework objectives relating to their age and ability. As part of our Literacy work we will be studying story writing, poetry and information texts. The children will have an opportunity to complete some longer, sustained narrative writing and develop their skills in drafting their work.

#### Reading

Almost all of our reading in school is now done through guided reading, although there will still be some individual reading done. The books are colour banded and we will be encouraging the children to learn how to change their own books. We would encourage you to read with your child frequently as this helps them with fluency and into-



## Maths

As in Literacy, the children will follow objectives from the Primary Framework relating to their age and ability. We will be focusing on the Key Instant Recall Facts (K.I.R.F.s), more information about these is sent home each half-term. You can help your child at home by carrying out some of the activities on the sheet. We will also be covering place value, calculation, shape, measuring and handling data.



## Science

Our Science work will involve investigating changing materials and then we'll focus on classifying living things (plants, animals and microorganisms) during the latter part of the term.

## Topic

The whole school topic is History Rocks! We will learn about volcanoes—where they are in the world, what causes them to erupt and the impact on people. We will also study rocks and soils.

## P.E.

This year, P.E. lessons will be led by Mr Wright (Premier Sports Coaching) and will take place on Friday afternoons. It is useful if your child keeps their P.E. kit in school, especially their trainers, just in case we get any extra sessions or have to change our day. We will be going out for some sessions so make sure they have suitable clothing for inside and out.

Please could inhalers remain in your child's bag so that they can access them when needed and could all freshly pierced ears be covered with tape to protect them during the activities. Earrings must then be removed for all P.E activities.

## Who and When?

Miss Richards will teach full time, apart from Friday afternoons when Mr Wright will teach P.E. All children will continue to be supported in class each morning by our teaching assistant, Mrs Free.

## Homework and Spellings

This term's spellings will be set on a Monday to return by the following Monday. The children will bring home a sheet with the spellings on which they will need to complete and learn. They will be tested each Monday and their results will be written in their planners. Any result under 7/10 will be re-tested the following day.

Maths homework, sometimes Mathletics, will be set on Thursday to be returned or completed by the following Wednesday. Literacy homework will be given on a Friday, to be returned by the following Thursday. If, for whatever reason, your child has been unable to complete their homework please let me know, either by having a chat first thing in the morning or by writing a little note in their planner. We can then make arrangements for completing it, either during playtimes or at home.

Miss Richards, Mr Wright and Mrs Free