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In **Art** the children will be designing and making their own printed pattern. They will also sketch moving figures using their sketches to create a print.

Our **PSHE** topic this half term is ‘Dreams and Me.’ We will be covering our future dreams, the importance of money, jobs and careers including our dream jobs and how to achieve these goals.

In **Science** we will be completing a short unit of work which looks at the changes of human development and comparing this to animals.

**PE** will continue to take place every week with an indoor and, where possible, an outdoor session. This term we will focus on tennis and gymnastics.

In **RE** the children will be learning about Hinduism. Here we will focus on where Hinduism is practiced including where and how they pray. Children will look into the Hindu belief of Gods and the colourful festivals which they celebrate.

In **French** we will be looking at the language associated with seasons. The children will be able to say when their birthday is and name craft materials.

In **Computing** the children will be creating a multimedia presentation using Power-Point.

**Reading:** Children will be coming home with reading books regularly. Please continue to encourage your children to read at home. Please initial their entries to show that you have heard or seen them read.

**Homework** will continue to be set on Fridays and we ask that it is returned by the following Wednesday. We do expect children’s homework to be presented neatly. **Please sign completed homework and add any comments if necessary.**

**Spellings** will continue to be sent out and tested on Fridays and children will be encouraged to practise these whenever possible.

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*If you have any queries or concerns please contact us.*

*The Year 5 Team*