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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Asia class and a new school year. The children have all settled back in really well and are enthusiastic about all the challenges and exciting events that being in Year 5 brings.

'The Walk': We are starting the school year with a whole school project called 'The Walk'. This follows the journey of a puppet called Amal who is a refugee travelling the 8,000km from Syria to the UK. The whole school will be discussing and completing activities based around Amal's journey and you can find more details on the website below.

We are very fortunate as our class is among those that have been chosen to accompany Amal on a stage of her journey. We will be walking with her from Canterbury Cathedral and through the streets of Canterbury. An artist will be visiting us in school in a few weeks to make banners that we will then take with us to Canterbury in October to help celebrate Amal's arrival! We are very excited that we will be a part of this. I will send a letter with more details nearer the time.

www.walkwithamal.org

Numeracy: We will be focusing on the essential number and place value skills before moving onto written methods of calculation. Times table knowledge is essential, so please support your child in continuing to learn, practise and retain these. In **English**, our class text is 'No Ballet Shoes in Syria' by Catherine Bruton; this will complement the work from 'The Walk' project and will inspire some of our writing this term.

In **Geography** we will be investigating the question 'How do volcanoes affect the lives of people on Hiemaey?' Hiemaey is an island in Iceland and we will be recapping our knowledge of volcanoes and how living by one affects daily lives. In **Computing Science** we will be looking at systems and our **Digital Literacy** topic will be about creating secure passwords to help protect ourselves online. In **Science** we will be looking at forces. This includes gravity and how resistance such as air and water resistance affects the way that things move.

Religious Education: The Understanding Christianity unit 'What does it mean if God is loving and holy?' will be our RE focus. In **PSHE**, the topic is called 'Being Me in My World'. It will cover choices, rights and responsibilities and making positive choices to help others.

P.E. This term we will have PE on **Mondays**. Please come to school dressed in full PE kit, with warmer clothing in case of cold weather. If your child is unable to take part in a P.E. session, please could you send an email or note or shall expect them to take part.

Homework: As well as daily reading and spelling practice, the children will be given **homework** on a regular basis. This will cover topics already taught in class and the aim is to help consolidate and revise rather than introduce new learning. Homework is usually given out on a Wednesday and due back by the following Monday and will generally be Maths and another task. New spellings are given out on a Monday – I have attached this term's spellings with this letter.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding any of the above, or any other matter concerning your child, please do not hesitate in emailing me at bowlesm@deal-parochial.kent.sch.uk

Yours sincerely, Mrs M Bowles, Miss J Collister and Ms K Davis



