

# YEAR FIVE *bulletin*

AUGUST - SEPTEMBER 2011

## *Current Unit of Inquiry: Beliefs*

*Central Idea: What we believe is a part of who we*

### Important Dates

**August 29**

**Back to school night starts at 6pm in the PAC**

**September 13**

**Day after Mid Autumn Festival Public Holiday**

**September 30**

**Teacher only day  
No school**

**October 1**

**National Day**

**October 3**

**Rapt Annual General Meeting  
7pm, Blackbox Theatre**

#### **An Inquiry Into:**

- \* Factors that influence our decisions.
- \* What we believe
- \* The impact of beliefs and traditions on society

**Subject Focus:** Social Studies, PSE

**Concepts:** We will be inquiring into perspective, causation and reflection.

#### **The main attitudes and learner profiles in this**

**unit:** Students will have many opportunities to practice being principled, reflective and open-minded. They will be encouraged to use appreciation, respect, tolerance and curiosity.

**Skills:** During unit one students will be developing their research, communicative, self-management and thinking skills.

**Mathematics:** During the first unit, students will be working within two Mathematics strands. In Data Handling, they will be collecting, displaying information in graphs and challenged to interpret data in more complex ways. As they inquire into beliefs, children will be also be conducting probability experiments. In the Number strand, students will be reviewing and extending their understanding of the four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication, division) in real life situations. Additionally, they will work towards understanding place value to six digit numbers.

**Language:** This unit students will explore narrative writing, with a specific focus on character development. The language focus will include aspects of punctuation and grammar. Students will be introduced to persuasive writing (exposition).



## Exploring beliefs through specialist subjects

### Visual Arts:

Hi to the year 5 community! The Primary Art Team are looking forward to an exciting and productive year of visual arts. We are planning on exploring a variety of medium and delving into the past lives of many inspirational artists. We are looking forward to working with you all.



### Music:

Welcome all RCHK families to year 5 music! We have an exciting year ahead of us, playing instruments, singing songs and playing music games, moving and dancing to music, and listening to lots of interesting music from around the globe. This is going to be a great year!

### PE:

Welcome back Year 5's! I am very excited to be teaching you this year as I recognize many of you from my teaching days in Y3. During this first unit our focus will be on factors that influence our decisions and group decision making. Students will participate in Adventure Challenges which will focus on cooperative games and team building activities. Participation in these activities will help us develop how to make informed choices and our group decision making skills. As part of the learning process students will be asked to reflect on their interactions with others. Please make sure you are wearing the proper equipment on the days you have PE.



# The Year 5 Teaching Team

## GET READY FOR AN AMAZING YEAR!

The year five teaching team would like to welcome you! We have some new additions, some changes and some surprises to share with you. Mr. Day has moved from the Year 4 team and joined us in year 5. He is looking forward to seeing how much you have changed since Year 4. Ms. Kennard will be taking a short break when she welcomes her new baby to the family. Don't worry though, she will be coming back! We also have three fantastic Educational Assistants that have just joined the RCHK team. Ms. So, Mrs. Chari and Mrs. Mak are excited to join the team and we hope that you will make them feel welcome.

We have several returning teachers. Mr. Davies has returned from his farm on Prince Edward Island in Canada and he is ready to start working with interested gardeners. Ms. Bushnell has returned from an exciting visit to South America where she explored and new cultures. Ms. Tham went hiking through the mountains in France. She enjoyed France, but don't ask her about all the rain! Ms. Thomson returned from Canada where she went to a music festival. Watch out! She might start singing at the drop of a hat.

As you get to know us, you will learn that we are a vibrant and exciting team. We are looking forward to getting to know all of you. Don't forget the Parent night in August!

**The year 5 team: (from left)**

*Seated:* Ms. Kennard, Ms. Tham and Ms. Bushnell

*Standing:* Mrs. Chari, Ms. So, Mr. Day, Mrs. Mak, Mr. Davies and Ms. Thomson

