

Year 5 Class Newsletter Summer Term 2024

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Welcome back to the new term. The children in Year 5 continue to show what excited and keen learners they are.

ENGLISH

This half term in English we will begin by creating our own narratives based on the short film 'Alma'. Children will learn how to build tension and suspense in their narratives through the use of figurative language, imagery and by using a wide range of sentence length and structures. In the second half term, we will focus on 'The Last Bear' by Hannah Gold. This text will spark conversations about climate change which will challenge children's critical thinking and skills.

Over the term, we will be working on using a wider range of punctuation in our writing, evaluating and editing our writing independently and we will include previous learnt skills to consolidate our Year 5 writing knowledge.



Spellings will continue to be given out every Monday and children will be tested on these spelling rules the following Friday.

Children will spend the spelling session on Mondays exploring the grammatical and phonetical rules as well as the meaning of the new vocabulary. Please support your child by checking their bags for their spelling lists and talking with them about their spelling rules.

MATHS

In Maths this term, we will be focusing geometry and measurement topics. They will be working on finding the perimeter and area of shapes, statistics and position and direction of shapes on a grid by using coordinates. We will also consolidate our knowledge of decimals and negative numbers.

In Year 5, we will continue to focus on the reasoning skills needed to become successful mathematicians. Children are challenged daily to clearly explain how and why they have chosen different methods to solve problems. We have already seen how much the children enjoy a challenge and are sure that they will continue to be inquisitive about the mathematical concepts they are taught.



Throughout Year 5 children will reinforce their timetables knowledge using the Times Table Rock Stars app and their number fact knowledge will be tested weekly. Regular practise will enable them to become familiar with the layout of the numbers on the keyboard and the system. Please encourage your child to access the online platform!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (RE)

In RE we will focus on 'The journey of life and death' for the first part of the term, and how different religions interpret such journey. On the final part of the term, we will be learning about Hinduism. Children will explore the daily life of Hindus, as well as important ceremonies and beliefs of Hinduism.



SCIENCE

This term in Science we will carry on with our 'Living Things and their Habitats – Plants and Animals including Humans' topic, to then move on to our last topic of the year 'Materials and their Properties'. Through scientific experiments and research, we will explore materials to compare them and classify them according to their properties. Children will also use their knowledge of solids, liquids and gases to understand changes of state of matter.



PSHE

In PSHE this term we will be learning about puberty and the changes our bodies may experience through this phase. This is some of the key vocabulary that will learn during this unit: puberty, menstruation, ovary/ Ovaries, vagina, oestrogen, vulva, womb/uterus, testicles, sperm, penis, ejaculation, erection, growth spurt, hormones, larynx, wet dream, facial hair, conception, sexual intercourse, fallopian tube, fertilisation, pregnancy, embryo, umbilical cord, contraception, fertility treatment, teenager, and milestone. If you have any questions regarding our topic, please do not hesitate to contact me.

PROJECT WEEK (Geography, History, Art and D&T)

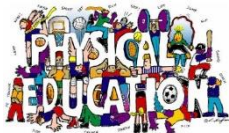
The Kingdom of Benin

In History, we will explore the Kingdom of Benin and how it became part of the British Empire. In Geography, we will learn key aspects of physical geography, including: climate zones, biomes and vegetation belts in relation to the study of Africa. In Art, children will create their own sculptures based on the work of Antony Gormley. In D&T, we will prepare traditional food from Benin to measure accurately and calculate ratios of ingredients to scale up or down from a recipe and understand the importance of correct storage and handling of ingredients.



PHYSICAL EDUCATION (PE)

Year 5 have PE twice a week. This term, our PE session will take place on Wednesdays and Fridays. The topic for our outdoor session is Netball. Children will combine a range of passes with tactics to get free and move quickly around the court to be successful in the game. The topic for our indoor session is Gymnastics. Children will perform more complex actions, shapes and balances to follow on from our previous gymnastics unit. Children should bring their PE kits to school on Monday and take them home to be washed on Friday. Please ensure PE kits are labelled.



EDUCATIONAL VISITS

We will be going on numerous exciting educational trips this term, including The Tower of London and a school sleepover! Details and letters will be sent out nearer the time.

MUSIC

Year 5 will explore the genre of Motown based on a 1960s song, Dancing in the Street by Martha And The Vandellas. In Summer 2, children will review and

consolidate the musical learning that took place during the whole academic year.

COMPUTING

In computing this term, children will start to create vector drawings. They will learn how to use different drawing tools to help them create images. In Summer 2, children will learn how to write programs that ask questions and use selection to control the outcomes based on the answers given. They will then use this knowledge to design a quiz in response to a given task and implement it as a program.



HOMEWORK

Reading: Children will be bringing home a star reader book each day. They will take quizzes on the books they read and these results will determine their reading levels, so it is very important that children read their books on a daily basis. Please support your child by **reading** with them regularly and by asking them questions about what they have read.

Maths and Grammar: This year children will be given homework books handed out on Thursday and to be returned on Mondays.

Spelling: Spelling words are given out on Monday ready for a test on Friday. Daily practice is encouraged.

CLASS REMINDERS

PE: Wednesdays and Fridays. PE kits to be brought in on Monday.

Spellings home: Monday

Spelling Test: following Friday

Times Table Rockstars: Daily practice whenever possible.

We are looking forward to what we are sure will be a super year's learning.

We thank you all for your support.

