

Year Five Curriculum Newsletter Spring 2



This half-term, Year 5 will be learning...

English

In English we are continuing to read the book 'Kensuke's Kingdom'. Each week we will read as a whole class and independently and then respond to the book through use of questions and various activities to develop the children's comprehension. We will also use the book to generate ideas for our writing, developing sentence structure, use of descriptive techniques and organisation of paragraphs.

Mathematics

In Mathematics we will continue to learn across all areas of the curriculum. The learning ranges from knowledge of numbers, calculations, four operations, using and applying to problems, decimals and percentages. It would be a huge help if you encouraged your child to learn their times tables off by heart as they underpin most mathematical understanding.

Science

We will be learning about living things and their habitats. We will learn about the life cycles of amphibians, insects, birds and mammals. We will also look at the work of some famous naturalists.

Computing

Flat File Databases (Continued) j2data

This module looks at how a flat-file database can be used to organise data in records. Learners will use tools within a database to order and answer questions about data. They will create graphs and charts from their data to help solve problems. They will use a real-life database to answer a question, and present their work to others.

Geography

Contrasting localities is the topic of work for this term. We will be learning about the features of urban life, taking into consideration the impact it has on areas such as housing, employment, industries, transport and public services. We will then be comparing these features and characteristics with a rural location.

R.E.

During Religious Education this term, the children will continue to learn about what values are shown in codes for living. The children will think about their own values, with special reference to the values of Christians, Humanists, Jews and Muslims.

P.E

Outdoor we will focus on tennis, learning to strike the ball with different strokes, move into positions to strike the ball, and develop hand eye coordination.

Indoors we will focus on dance. We will create dance phrases to make up an Olympics dance to tell the story of the events that make up an Olympic Games.

French

Je Parle Francais - we will continue to learn how to greet someone in French, ask how they feel, and learn names for classroom objects. We will also learn how to tell the time in French and talk about things we do in our daily routine.

PSHE

In this topic we look at how to deal with feelings. We will learn about a wide range of emotions and feelings and how these are experienced in the body. We will also learn about times of change and how this can make people feel.

D.T.

Fairground rides - we will create a miniature fairground ride with an electrical component. Through focussed tasks, we will learn about different sized gears, investigate direction and speed of rotation, and build working circuits. We will also develop marking, cutting, shaping and joining skills using a range of tools as appropriate.

Reading

With reading being an essential part of learning, it's really important that you listen to your child read and allow them access to a wide range of texts. They can also read on Bug Club at home. Any reading your child does will benefit them. Please note any sessions completed at home in your child's reading record.

Homework

New **spellings** are given out every **Friday** and are tested the following **Friday**.

Learn by Heart is given out on a **Wednesday** and tested the next **Wednesday**.

Homework is set every **Wednesday** and has to be handed in by **Friday**.

All children have their own Bug Club account and can access TT Rockstars and Spelling Shed at home too - please make good use of them!

Kit

As swimming has now finished, children need to come in their PE kit twice a week.

5H - Monday and Wednesday

5I - Monday and Friday

Important Dates

World Book Day - Thursday 2nd March

We will be visiting the library Wednesday 23rd February and then every Friday afternoon until the Easter holiday.

Thankyou - Mrs Illingworth and Miss Halliwell