

Year 5 Newsletter – Spring 2

Welcome

In this termly newsletter you will find out all about the exciting things we will be learning and any events coming up.

Phonics and Reading

Phonics

Whole class reading sessions will take place daily, using a variety of texts. We will focus on developing reading fluency, which children can practice at home by reading frequently. We will also focus on comprehension skills such as inference and retrieval.

Recommended reads:
Holes by Louis Sachar



Writing

This term we will be focussing on writing a setting description, character descriptions and letter writing using inspiration from the book 'Holes'. We will also be using dialogue and writing poetry based on the short film 'Wing'.



Maths

During this term in year Five, we will be focusing on decimals and percentages, rounding decimals to the close whole number and looking at equivalent fractions, decimals and percentages. We will also be looking at working out the perimeter of polygons and the area of compound shapes. Finally, we will be studying statistics, by reading and interpreting line graphs as well as timetables. Regular practice on Times Table Rockstars can be hugely beneficial particularly during this term.



Science

Our science topic this term is 'our changing world'. We will investigate reproduction in plants and animals. We will look to understand; how flowering plants reproduce, how amphibians and insects reproduce, how birds and mammals reproduce as well as comparing the human life cycle with other mammals.



Computing

Our computing topic this term is 'Game Creator'. We will be learning how to design, write and debug programs that accomplish specific goals, including controlling or simulating physical systems as well as solving problems by decomposing them into smaller parts.



Art & Design/Design & Technology



In Art this term, we will be working on Art and design skills inspired by artist Paul Klee's belief that drawing is simply a line going for a walk. We will be drawing self-portraits using words and creating collages using sweet/chocolate packaging.

Geography/History

Our geography topic this term is 'investigating water'. Will be understanding the water cycle and the distribution of the world's water; considering land use along rivers Danube, Mississippi, and the River Severn.



Music



In music this term, the learning is focussing on old school hip-hop and in particular the theme tune to Fresh Prince of Bel Air. We will be listening to different pieces and comparing them to help understand how and why artists write their lyrics.

PE



During PE this term, we will be swimming every Monday. We will also be rehearsing a Dance to The Greatest Showman during PE on a Thursday. We will co-operate and collaborate to create a dance performance displaying a variety of movement patterns moving in time to the music.

PSHE



Our PSHE topic this term is 'Healthy Me'. We will be looking at the impact that food, drugs and alcohol can have on our body and our physical health. We will also discuss peer pressure, why this might occur and ways to deal with these situations. We will then consider our emotional and mental health, including learning strategies to help with stress and anxiety.

RE



This half term we will be learning about Christianity. We will investigate how significant is it for Christians to believe God intended for Jesus to die. Children will listen to famous Christian leaders giving their Easter message and then write their own Easter message to the local community, encompassing the meaning of Easter.

Homework Project

- Bug Club/ TTRS
- Arithmetic practice using the tests sent home
- Research about the water cycle





Skills Builder

The Skills Builder Universal Framework provides a common language for building essential skills with children and young people.

Research shows that building essential skills supports social and emotional wellbeing, learning and academic outcomes and careers and opportunities



Times Tables Rockstars



Spelling Shed



Rewards

The children will receive 'Dojo Points' as reward for good behaviour, work and attitude. Points can be 'spent' on prizes periodically.



Class information

Class Teacher: Mr Smith

Teaching Assistant: Mrs Mitchell

Please remember to name your child's school jumper or cardigan.

We request that all children bring a named water bottle to school every day and when the weather is warmer a sun hat and sun cream.

Please remember if you are making your child a packed lunch, we ask you not to put anything in that contains nuts.

Dates for the diary!

Thursday 2nd March – World Book Day (Alice in Wonderland themed)

Wednesday 8th March/Thursday 9th March – Parents Evenings

Friday 27th March – School closes for Easter

