

Year 5 Curriculum Newsletter - Autumn Term 2020

Welcome back to school and to Year 5. It has been a while since we were all in school together and I am sure you are all excited to be back! Every term a newsletter like this will be sent out to tell you all about what we will be learning this term.

English

We will start the year with a mini-poetry project about our summer, then for the rest of the term our work will focus around the book 'Leon and the Place Between'. Our class novel for the first half term will be 'How to Train Your Dragon' by Cressida Cowell. Children will do whole class guided reading daily, and Let's Read sessions will be twice a week.

There will also be a brand new 'Reading Challenge' this year. Children are challenged to read three books over the year, and when they complete this challenge they will receive a certificate and special prize! The 3 books are *The Falcon's Malteser* by Anthony Horowitz, *Brightstorm* by Vashti Hardy, and *Cogheart* by Peter Bunzl.

Maths

Bird  will   Early

continue this year, and each week children are in with a chance of winning a special prize. Please try and ensure children are in early enough to take part as it is an important chance to practise maths skills.

Multiplication Monday will continue every week, and children will have two sessions on Times Table Rockstars in school. Please encourage your child to practise times tables at home.

Science

We have some exciting experiments coming up in our first science topic: 'Properties and Changes of Materials'. We will be learning about reversible and irreversible changes, planning our own investigations and separating some very strange mixtures.

In Autumn 2 we will learn about forces in a physics based unit. Children will investigate air resistance, gravity and learn about the contributions of Newton and Galileo to science.



History

Our history topic this term is 'Anglo-Saxons and Vikings'. The first half term will focus on what happened when the Romans left and the Anglo-Saxons began to settle Britain. The second half term will focus on the Vikings and how their arrival changed our history!

We will learn about daily life for each set of invaders, how they fought and



PE

PE this term will focus on football, gymnastics and basketball. All PE lessons will take place outside whenever possible so please ensure children have both indoor (white t-shirt, blue shorts and trainers) and outdoor (blue or black tracksuit) kit.

RE

Our RE lessons for the first half term will focus on God. We will explore what we personally think about God, and learn about him from bible passages. We will look at how God is both holy and loving and how our love for God shapes the architecture of churches and cathedrals.

We will also look at how important holy books are to other faiths.



General Notices

PE kits: Blue shorts, white t-shirt, black pumps and trainers. Children will need an outdoor kit (a blue or black tracksuit). **It is important children have an outdoor kit, as all PE will take place outside this term, unless weather is very poor.** PE kits should be in school every day and must be clearly labelled.

Homework: Will continue with the grid format, with a range of tasks to complete. Homework can be handed in as complete or altogether at the end of the term. Homework is due in on Monday 7th December.

Class Information Night: This will take place via Zoom on **Thursday 17th September**. More information will follow soon.

If you have any questions, or would like any further guidance in supporting your child, please don't hesitate to come and speak to us.

Mr Kewley & Mrs Taylor

PSHE

Over the first half term we will be learning about the rules and routines for being in Year 5. We will also choose school councillors and learn about democracy.

Computing

This first half term we will focus on basic computer skills, including using Microsoft Office software such as Word, Publisher and PowerPoint. We will also begin using the class blog to publish our writing to a wider audience.

Art & Design

In Art we will be learning about the life and work of Salvador Dali, and creating our own surreal artwork. After half term we will be designing and making our own lights!