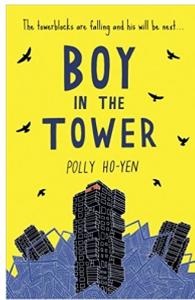


Year 5 Curriculum Newsletter - Autumn Term 2018

Welcome back to school and to Year 5! I hope you have had a fantastic summer holiday and you are ready for the year ahead. I am looking forward to teaching you all again and seeing how much progress you have made since Year 3! Every term a newsletter like this will be sent out to tell you all about what we will learning this term.

English

We will begin the year looking at an exciting genre of story: Science-fiction! Children will read different science-fiction stories; identify features of the genre and eventually plan and write their own stories. Our first class novel will be 'The Boy in the Tower' by Polly Ho-Yen, a brilliant story about a strange alien plant invading Earth.



After our science-fiction unit we will be looking at poetry with different structures such as Haiku and Tanka poems, and finally persuasive writing.

Maths

In Maths at first our work will focus on place value including decimals and negative numbers. We will continue to practise using written methods for addition and subtraction.

Multiplication Monday will continue and children are expected to know all times tables up to 12x this year. Practising this at home will benefit children greatly in their maths work this year.

Children will also investigate different measurements for perimeter and area, and learn how to measure angles.

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 materials! In Autumn 2 we will learn about forces in a physics based unit.

Topic

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 notable people in this period of history.

PE

This term we are very lucky to be receiving Judo lessons on Monday mornings beginning the second week back. On Tuesday afternoon we will be learning hockey skills as part of our invasion games unit.



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.



PSHE

Over the first half term we will be learning about the rules and routines for being in year 5. We will also revisit British values and be thinking about how we can see them in action.

Spanish

On Wednesday afternoons Mrs Taylor will teach Spanish, building on the children's conversation skills and knowledge of the language.

Computing

This half term we will be learning how to program our own games using Scratch. We will use blocks of code to control sprites and animate our games.

Art & Design

In Art we will look at different artists takes on cityscapes and use their techniques to design our own. We will eventually combine styles to come up with our own original art work.

General Notices

PE kits: Blue shorts, white t-shirt, black pumps and trainers. Children will need an outdoor kit (a blue or black tracksuit). PE kits should be in school every day and must be clearly labelled. PE lessons will take place on Monday and Tuesday.

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 3rd December.

As always, 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 & Miss Byrne