

Year 5 Curriculum Newsletter - Autumn Term 2019

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. 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 begin the year looking at recounts, writing about different events that have happened such as our summer holiday. We will also study varied poetry and write instructions for different tasks. We will begin whole class guided reading, and children will choose new Let's Read books to be read twice a week in class.

After half term our English unit will focus on a class novel: Hugo Cabret, and following this we will look at Shakespeare's Macbeth.

Our class novel for the first half term will be 'How to Train Your Dragon' by Cressida Cowell.

Maths

In Maths we will focus on place decimals and We will continue written methods for addition and subtraction.



first our work will value including negative numbers. to practise using

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. Children will investigate air resistance, gravity and learn about the contributions of Newton and Galileo to science.



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 and developing football skills.



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.



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, such as democracy and the rule of law, and be think about how we can see them in action.

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.

After half term we will look at computer science and programming.

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 2nd December.

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 Alderton