

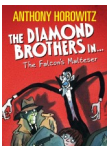
Year 5 Curriculum Newsletter - Autumn Term 2023

Welcome back to school and to Year 5! We have lots of amazing things to learn about and I hope you are as excited as me about this new school year! 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 our first focus text: 'Leon and the Place Between'. This is a short story about a boy who visits a magical world when called on stage by a famous magician. Children will get lots of opportunities to show off their writing based around this story. Our class novel for the first half term will be 'Beetle Boy' by MG Leonard. Children will take part in whole class guided reading sessions every day, and Let's Read sessions will be twice a week after lunch.

The 'Reading Challenge' will return 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

Early Bird will 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 mathematical 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 as much as possible! In Year 5 children are expected to know all their times tables up to 12 x 12 and to recall them quickly.

Science

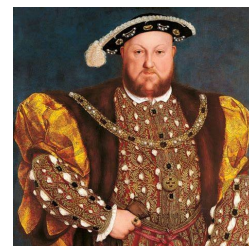
We have some exciting experiments coming up in our first science topic: 'Properties and Changes of Materials'. We will be learning about reversible and irreversible changes, planning our own investigations and separating some very strange mixtures.

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 'The Tudors'. The first half term will focus on Henry VIII and his wives, using evidence from different sources to find out what they were like. We will think where the Tudor history topic fits in with other historical eras the children have studied, and how historical sources are not always reliable!



PE

Every Monday morning this first half term children will receive a special visitor to teach them judo in the hall. On Thursday afternoon we will practise hockey skills on the MUGA outside. PE lessons will take place outside whenever possible so please ensure children have both indoor (white t-shirt, blue or black shorts and trainers) and outdoor (blue or black tracksuit) kit. Any children with earrings must either take them out or cover them up with tape for PE lessons.

RE

Our RE lessons for the first half term will focus on God. We will explore what we personally think about God, and what we can 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, and places that have rules in the outside world. We will also choose school councillors and learn about democracy as a British Value.

Computing

This first half term we will focus on basic computing skills, including Microsoft and Apple software such as Keynote, Word, PowerPoint and Pages. We will present our work from different subjects effectively using different digital formats. We will then be able to use these skills across the curriculum throughout the year.

Art & Design

In Art we will be learning about the life and work of Salvador Dali, and other surreal artists. We will practise drawing skills and eventually be creating our own surreal artwork.

General Notices

PE kits: Blue or black 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 most 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 by Monday 4th 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 Marrow