



Year 5 Curriculum Newsletter.

Autumn term 2018.



We hope you enjoyed your break and welcome to year 5! Below is a selection of the areas that your child will be studying over the next term.

English

This term we will be looking at the novel 'The Wreck of the Zanzibar'. We will study the text before writing a diary entry from the perspective of one of the main characters. In the second half of the term, we will be exploring a variety of poems all based around the same theme.

Science

Our first topic this term is 'The Earth and Beyond', where we will be learning about our solar system and The Earth, Moon and the planets within it. As part of this topic we will be participating in an exciting investigation to help us understand how the sun causes day and night.

Geography

In the second half of the autumn term, we will be exploring rivers and the water cycle. As part of the topic we will be learning about water sources, water uses and how it re-joins the cycle.

PSHCE

Pupils learn PSHCE through daily reflection activities, assemblies and PSHCE days which are held half termly. This term our topic is 'Identifying potential dangers' and 'Coping with moods and feelings'.

In Year 5 we expect children to:

- Read every day for 20 minutes at least and ensure an adult signs their reading record everyday.
- Practise their maths passport targets regularly include their times tables up to 12 x 12
- Complete their homework on time.
- Practise their spelling for the Friday tests.
- Take responsibility for their learning.
- Take care of all equipment sent home, including reading books
- Follow school rules at all times

Maths

This term we will continue to develop our mental maths and arithmetic skills with dedicated sessions for these. In Year 5, we will focus on securing knowledge in place value, whilst developing their reasoning skills with problem solving type questioning.

History

In the first half of the autumn, we will be learning about the Tudors. Our historical analysis skills will be developed by gathering content, processing information then communicating and presenting this in a variety of ways. We will discover what living conditions were like in Tudor times and study important people from the time.

Computing

This half term we will be looking at computing programming. Children will be exploring scratch, expanding on the knowledge they have gathered in previous years.

RE

Initially, we will be looking at Christianity, followed by Islam in the second half term. These topics will focus on the core beliefs and values of the religions and their forms of worships. In every RE lesson there will always be a grammar focus.

REMINDER

Homework is sent home on Tuesdays and must be returned on or before the following Monday. Encourage your children to use the 'read, say, write, check' method when supporting your child to learn their spellings. Please encourage them to practise their times tables.

Full **PE kit** should be brought into school on a Monday and left in all week. Children should take it home on Friday to be washed.

Please come and speak to any member of the Year 5 team if you have any questions.