

Year 5 Curriculum Newsletter: Spring 1

Message from your teacher

Welcome to the Spring term. We hope you all had a fantastic Christmas and New Year. This term brings with it some exciting new topics and even more challenging learning. We are so pleased to see our lovely children back in school and continuing with their learning. We wish you all a very happy and healthy 2024!

Key Dates for the Diary

NSPCC Number Day: Friday 2nd February

Safer Internet Day: Tuesday 6th February

Half term week commencing: Monday 12th February

Key Information

Your child's PE days are a Monday and a Friday. They are currently learning about hockey and gymnastics. Although these days are their designated P.E. days, this may sometimes have to change and therefore we ask that they keep their PE kits in school all of the time.

It has been great to see so many children reading at home; please can we ask that their reading books are in school on their reading day to read with an adult in class. Please encourage your child to read at least 4 times per week at home.

All homework is set on a Friday. Children receive spelling homework with either maths or English homework. Spelling homework should be completed and children should spend roughly 15 minutes per day practising. All homework should be returned to school by the following Wednesday.

Our learning in Year Five

Maths: Last half term, your child furthered their knowledge of multiplication and division. Over the next few weeks, your child will begin their fractions unit where they will learn how to covert non-unit fractions but also recap unit fractions. As always, we will continue to focus on reasoning over the next half term to really embed different strategies and approaches which could be used to tackle tricky problems. Please continue to work with your child on their times tables as this is essential in many areas of the maths curriculum.

English: This half term, we will be exploring the topic of balanced arguments while still making links to the English classic tale 'The Wind in the Willows'. Within this unit, we will look at the features of balanced arguments and apply them to our writing. We will argue a case as if from an animal's viewpoint, and will end the topic with a piece of writing on a current issue.



Other Curriculum Areas

In Geography our new topic will be called 'Settle Down.' We will be looking at physical and geographical features of settlements. We will compare local settlements with those in other parts of the world.



In Science we are studying the topic of forces. The children will learn all about gravity and resistance whilst looking at the work of Sir Isaac Newton.



In R.E. our work focuses on Islam and then Mission. We will be exploring another faith which will prepare our children for next term's history learning. After this, we will be thinking about our life mission and exploring our diocese.



In French your child is learning about members of their family.

In R.S.H.E, we will start to explore personal relationships and keeping ourselves and others safe online, something which is extremely important in today's world.



In DT we will be looking at pretzels. We will explore how they are made, their ingredients and conduct research on existing brands. The unit will end by the children making their own pretzels.

In Computing we will be continuing with our coding, looking at different variables and creating our own timer.

In class the children will be either reading '**The Boy at the Back of the Class**'.