

Year 5 Spring Newsletter



2019



Welcome to our Spring Term Newsletter

Here is our latest newsletter outlining what we will be doing during the Spring Term.

Our topics this term are:

Literacy: Our Local Area (focusing on Kirkby-in-Ashfield and the surrounding areas and we will also be focusing on Mining)

Objectives:

- To understand who the audience will be and what the purpose of the writing is.
- To develop their initial ideas, drawing on reading and research where necessary.
- To select appropriate grammar and vocabulary, understanding how such choices can change and enhance meaning.
- To describe settings, characters and atmosphere including dialogue.
- To recognise the effectiveness of their own and others' writing and make changes to improve their work.
- To proof-read their work for spelling and punctuation errors.

To help your child, you can encourage them to choose a writing task of their choice e.g. a setting or character description, poem or persuasive letter about something that interests them and help them to correct and improve it.

Guided Reading: Based on the text Holes, activities will be completed to deepen the children's understanding of reading and they will learn to explore the text in more detail.

Objectives:

- To read a range of book-types with different purposes, including: fiction, poetry, plays and non-fiction.
- To explain and discuss their understanding of what they have read.
- To provide evidence and justification for their views.
- To recognise and define unfamiliar words in books they read.
- To discuss and evaluate how authors use language and consider the impact on the reader.

In order to help your child, you can read with them daily and ask them questions about what they've read and practise saying tricky words accurately. There is a space in your child's Home-School Diary to write down these super words, they can then refer to these in their writing! Don't forget to sign their diaries every time you read (4 x a week) in order for them to receive the Fab 4 treat at the end of each half term!

SPAG (spelling, punctuation and grammar) Objectives:

- To be able to use homophones correctly in sentences.
- To use commas to clarify meaning.
- To convert nouns or adjectives into verbs using suffixes.
- To convert nouns or adjectives into verbs using prefixes.

To help your child, you can regularly practice spellings in fun ways and encourage them to use those new spellings in sentences to develop their understanding of vocabulary in context.

Science: Living things and their environment

Religious Education: Islam

Maths Objectives:

- To calculate the area and perimeter of shapes (including compound shapes).
- To multiply and divide numbers mentally drawing upon known facts.
- To multiply numbers up to 4 digits by a one- or two-digit number using a formal written method.
- To identify, name and write equivalent fractions of a given fraction, represented visually, including tenths and hundredths
- To recognise mixed numbers and improper fractions and convert from one form to the other and write mathematical statements
- Read, write, order and compare numbers with up to three decimal places and make connections between percentages, fractions and decimals.

To help your child you can regularly practise times tables and encourage them to apply number skills to real life situations e.g. amounts of money in a supermarket.

Physical Education:

P.E. lessons for Year 5 will take place on a Wednesday afternoon. Year 5 will also be taking part in Yoga sessions and active dancing sessions throughout the week (PE kit is not needed for these).

Please ensure your child is wearing no jewellery on these days and has suitable clothes for P.E. sessions e.g. plain white or blue t-shirt, blue or black shorts or joggers and outdoor trainers.

Additional information:

- Year 5 are currently learning to play the ukulele on a Tuesday afternoon and will be putting on a concert this year for you to come and watch.
- The Year 5 show will take place on 23rd May 2019.
- Trips/events- Visits to the Space Centre and Cadbury world are currently being looked into. We will also have some visitors from the South Derbyshire Mining Preservation Group in school to talk to us about mining this term!

Dates for your diary:

Spring 1

- Friday 18th January: World Religion Day
- Tuesday 12th February: Valentine's Disco KS1 6:15pm - 7:15pm, KS2 7.30pm - 8:30pm
- Friday 15th February: Reading Reward Day - Arts and Crafts & Children break up for half term.

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- Monday 25th February: INSET Day - School closed
- Tuesday 26th February: Children return to school
- Monday 4th March: Book Week
- Wednesday 6th March: Library visit
- Thursday 7th March: World Book Day (dress up as favourite story character)
- Friday 15th March: Red Nose Day
- Friday 22nd March: World Water Day
- Tuesday 26th March: Parents' Evening
- Thursday 28th March: Parents' Evening
- Friday 5th April: Reading Reward Day - Easter Egg Hunt & Children break up for end of term
- Tuesday 23rd April: Children return to school.

If you or your child have any questions, please do not hesitate to talk to one of the Year 5 team!

