



Year 5 Spring 2019 Curriculum Newsletter

From the Year 5 Teachers

Dear mums, dads and carers,

In this Curriculum Newsletter you can find out what your children will be learning this term, between now and the Easter break. The children worked really hard to end the year in such a fantastic manner – the Christmas show was absolutely brilliant, they certainly did themselves proud!

We are looking forward to another busy term with lots exciting lessons planned. We are encouraging all students to apply our school values by being tolerant of each other, cooperating, being kind to all members of the school community, respecting equipment and having high aspirations for all work undertaken in class.

If you would like further information about your child's curriculum and learning for this term then please get in touch with us and we will be glad to help,

Mr G Llewelyn (5 Perseus teacher) and Mr P Osborne (5 Hercules teacher and Year 5 Leader)



Core Subjects

English and Literacy

So far this year we have read 'There's a Boy in The Girls Bathroom' and 'The Story of Tutankhamun'; both of these books have given the children interesting stimuli to write in a variety of styles. This term the children will have the opportunity to read a novel written by Michael Morpurgo – 'Kensuke's Kingdom'. We will continue to practise different grammatical skills, reading skills and then use these and apply them within writing. Please continue to support your child in developing their reading by listening to them at least three times per week.

Reading

We will be practising skills based around inference, finding evidence, summarising and analysing the author's choice of language. The children will have opportunities to read independently, in small groups and aloud to their peers. Your child will also continue to use the Accelerated Reader programme at school; time is given on a daily basis for your child to undertake quizzes based on their reading.

Writing

This term's writing will be centred on the novel - Kensuke's Kingdom. The book will be the stimulus for your child's written work. The different styles of writing which will be taught will include: a discussion text, report writing, descriptive writing, character descriptions, a script and a review. Your child will be exposed to examples, they will then be given time to plan, draft and edit before they write their final piece.

Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar

Your child will continue to be given a list of spellings to learn on a weekly basis. These spellings will be based on the Year 5 spelling rules and also the previous year's rules. We will play spelling games in class which help your child learn these rules and therefore make spelling fun and interactive.

Maths and Numeracy

In Maths, we will be focussing on formal written methods of short and long multiplication, written methods of division and we will be adding and subtracting fractions, with both the same and different denominators. Within each topic area your child will be given lots of time and support to develop their understanding. All pupils will also be challenged by their teachers to work through maths mastery problems.

Science

Your child will be learning about earth and space; they will become experts on the Earth, Sun and Moon, finding out facts like how big each one is, how far away from each other they are, how their relationship to each other creates night, day and different time zones, and so much more. Your child will participate in a range of experiments and present their results in a variety of ways.



Foundation Subjects



Topic (History and Geography)

Our topics this term are rivers, coastal features and the water cycle. They will study the water cycle, find out how rivers are formed, and investigate why rivers are important and what they are used for. The children will then study what coasts are, how they are formed, how they are protected and why they are constantly changing.

Art and Design Technology

For the first half term, the children will be planning, designing and creating clay sculptures based on their prior knowledge of Hindu gods and Egyptians.

After half term, your child will be investigating, planning and creating a toy with a moving mechanism.



Computing

We shall learn about how ICT can help us to create art; after half term we will plan, design and create simple games. We have a range of iPads and laptops which the children will be able to use to support their learning.

French

Your child will expand their vocabulary by learning how to speak carefully about their family and friends. They will enjoy singing traditional songs and rhymes, match sentences with images and also write basic sentences about their family and friends.

Music

The children will continue learning the guitar; they will build upon the skills which they learnt in 2018.



Physical Education and Sport



Your child will be practising a variety of basketball skills – lay ups, dribbling, shooting and game play.

Your child's second PE lesson will be centred on Outdoor Adventurous activities. These lessons will explore ways of communicating in a range of challenging activities, navigating and solving problems from memory and developing and using trust to complete tasks whilst under pressure.

Religious Education

The topic that your child will study this term is 'What Matters Most to Christians and Humanists?' Your child will think about rules and why we have them, learn about Humanism and Christianity and also analyse a set of values.

Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE)

We will be focussing on relationships; the different types, positive and negative relationships, recognising when one can be unhealthy and understanding more about how actions have a consequence.

Homework

This term we will be asking children to complete two pieces of homework per week. This will begin on Thursday, 17th January.

Tuesday: spellings issued and then tested the following Tuesday.

Thursday: reading comprehension and either a piece of maths or grammar work. Both pieces are due in the following Thursday.

Please also take time to practise times table and read with your child.

The Year 5 team thank you all for your continued support.

