



Year 5 Spring Term Newsletter 2022

Welcome back to Year 5 and Happy New Year! Thank you for your generosity before Christmas. I hope you have all had a wonderful and relaxing Christmas holiday and the children are ready for an action-packed and exciting term.

English

Our English lessons will continue to centre around a variety of high quality texts, which will enable the children to explore a vast range of genres and concepts. English will continue to be taught through a range of different media (drama, art and role play). Spelling homework is directly linked to the learning during this lesson. Grammar is taught within our scheme of work using activities, games, videos and songs.

All children are expected to read regularly at home and we ask that yellow reading diaries live in school bags so they can be accessed at school and at home.

Guided Reading takes place every day, during these sessions the children will be expected to complete a reading comprehension based around the text.

Homework

Homework will be sent home on Friday and must be handed back in by the following Wednesday. As a reminder, homework should not take longer than 45 minutes a week. We will have a weekly spellings test on Friday

R.E

This will be taught across Years 5 and 6 on Wednesday afternoons. This term we are focusing on Christianity. To start with, the children are going to be learning about the representation of Jesus throughout the bible in the unit 'Who is Jesus?' After half term we will be exploring the concept of pilgrimage and asking whether every Christian should go on a pilgrimage. We will look at different places for pilgrimage and the differences between special and sacred places. We will also consider what is more important to Christians – the journey or the destination?

Maths

We will start the term by recapping and extending our knowledge of place value. We will be focusing on reading, writing and ordering numbers up to 1,000,000. It is very important that children feel confident in their knowledge of numbers and their properties. This term, the children will be consolidating their knowledge of the formal method of addition and subtraction. We will be learning the formal method of long multiplication to multiply a 2 digit number by a 2 digit number.

The children should know their times tables up to 12x12; they complete a times table challenge at the start of every Maths lesson. Children will be able to apply their learning to real life examples and explain how they know an answer is correct.

Please feel free to come and speak to me if you need clarification regarding our methods of teaching some elements of Mathematics.

Science, Computing and Design & Technology

For this term, we are going to be studying Earth and Space. By the end of the unit, the children will be able to describe the movement of the Earth relative to the Sun in the solar system, describe the movement of the Moon relative to the Earth and use the **idea of the Earth's rotation to explain day and night** and the apparent movement of the sun across the sky. We will be completing some Earth and Space themed Art and Design and Technology work.

Within the topic of Space, we will also be learning about Forces, where the children will be able to explain that unsupported objects fall towards the Earth because of the force of gravity acting between the Earth and the falling object. In relation to this, we will be conducting a study on Isaac Newton and his discoveries.

P.E

We have changed our PE day. PE will now happen on a Tuesday. Please ensure your child has the correct P.E kit on this day: navy blue shorts/tracksuit bottoms (especially during these colder months), yellow T-shirts and trainers (no plimsoles). Please make sure all items of your child's P.E kit are named. P.E. kits should be brought to school on Monday and will be sent home on Friday for washing.

Uniform

Please check that ALL items of your child's uniform, including coats and bags, are clearly labelled to help them become more responsible and independent. The school uniform is grey trousers or skirt/ dress with a yellow polo shirt and blue Nutfield Church jumper/cardigan. Please ensure your child has a winter coat during the colder months.

History/Geography

Our History topic this term is the Mayans. The children will be learning: What evidence have the Maya left behind, the Maya from the palace at Palenque, Are the Maya pyramids like the Egyptian pyramids and Mayan religion. In Geography, we will be learning about the water cycle!

Dates to remember

PTFA Evening Event—27th January 2023

PTFA School Disco—Thursday 9th February

Year 5 Cake Sale—Friday 24th February

PTFA Cinema—Wednesday 8th March

Year 5 Collective Worship—Wednesday 8th March

SSA Parent and Carer Evenings—W/C 20th March

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Wellbeing

We encourage our children to listen and respond with thoughtfulness and respect. We will continue to teach Philosophy for Children to facilitate critical and deeper thinking and provide opportunities for children to practise these skills across the curriculum.

We are continuing to look after the chickens—it is important for all children to have wellies and a coat in school!

Expressive Arts

This term the children will focus on developing their textiles and sculpture skills, linking to our Science topic 'Space' and our History and Geography topics. This will include, being able to select a tool for specific purpose.

Music this term will focus on learning the song 'Make you feel my love' by Adele and 'The Fresh Prince of Bel Air'.

In French, we will be learning how to say what activities we love, like and dislike doing in our spare time. After half term, we will be learning to talk about a school trip, and will be able to describe what

Finally...

If you have any quick questions or concerns please feel free to catch me in the playground at the end of the day. If you would like to speak me more privately, please let me know or contact the school office to arrange an appointment. Please do keep an eye on the school website which lists all the key dates for the Spring term.

PPA

My weekly non-contact time will rotate between a Friday Morning and Friday Afternoon. During this time, the children will be taught by Mrs Boyle. In the afternoon, she will teach French and Music and English/Maths in the mornings.

Miss Mitchell – Year 5 Class Teacher