



Year 5 Summer Term Newsletter 2023

Welcome back to Year 5. I hope you have all had a relaxing and enjoyable two weeks with your children. I look forward to spending our last term together as Year 5.

This half term our value is DIGNITY and after half term our value will be JOY

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. afternoons.

R.E

This half term we will be learning about the Jewish faith. We will be learning about:

- Who is Abraham?
- What are the Jewish festivals?

Why are the 10 commandments important to Jewish people?

After half term our topic will be 'The Journey of Life and Death'. This topic investigates beliefs about life and life after death and encouraging them to reflect on and express their hopes for the future.

Maths

This term we will be covering the topics: Shape, Position and Direction, Decimals, Negative Numbers, Converting Units and volume. In Shape, will be learning how to measure angles using a protractor, calculate angles on a line and around a point and drawing shapes.

During our Position and Direction topic, we will be learning how to translate shapes on a grid, reflect shapes on horizontal and vertical lines and plotting co-ordinates.

We will be revising decimals this term: multiplying and dividing 10, 100 and 100; adding and subtracting decimals and sequencing decimals.

At the end of the term, we will be revising fractions, decimals and percentages.

Science, Computing and Design & Technology

During our first half term, our topic will be 'Properties and Changes of Materials.' The children will learn to compare and group together everyday materials on the basis of their properties, including their hardness, solubility, transparency, conductivity (electrical and thermal), and response to magnets. After half term, we will be producing a Mars Rover.

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 will be learning about how farming is sustainable, writing letters to a farmer and *hopefully 'facetimeing' a farmer!*

P.E

PE will continue to happen on a Wednesday. Please ensure your child has the correct P.E kit on this day: navy blue shorts/tracksuit bottoms, yellow T-shirts and trainers (no plimssoles). 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 the children have sun cream in their back if they require it during the warmer months.

Dates to remember

[Wellbeing Wednesday – 17 May \(P.E kit\)](#)

Bank holiday for King's Coronation -
Monday 8th May

Mufti Day for bottles for the Summer
Garden Party - Friday 26th May

INSET Day - Monday 5th June

INSET Day - Tuesday 6th June

PTFA Wear trainers for sweets for the
Summer Garden Party - Friday 16th
June

Wellbeing Wednesday – 5th July (P.E kit)

History/Geography

In Geography this term, the children will be learning about rivers. By the end of the unit, the children will know and understand the journey from the mouth of the river to the source of the river, identify different courses on a river and name the major rivers in the UK. After half term, the children will be learning about sustainable tourism around the world. They will know what sustainable tourism is, understand the pros and cons of a holiday in the UK and name national parks in the UK.

Our History topic this term is all about 'Our Local Area' and the history we have all around us. We will be learning about historic buildings, areas and the history with our area and the World Wars.

Expressive Arts

We will focus on sculpture and printing, where we will be using different printing techniques to design a fabric bag.

Music this term will focus on learning the song **'Dancing' in the Street**.

In French, we will be learning how to say the days, months and seasons. We will also be able to describe what activities you like to do in Spring, Summer, Autumn and Winter. The children will also be learning to describe the environment, weather, and rubbish and recycling.

PPA

My weekly non-contact time will rotate between a Wednesday Morning and Wednesday Afternoon. During this time, the children will be taught by Mr Peluso.

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 to 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.

Miss Mitchell – Year 5 Class Teacher