



Year 5 Autumn Term Newsletter



Welcome to Year 5! We hope you had a wonderful summer and the children are ready for an action-packed term. Our value this half term is **COMMUNITY**. After half term our value will be **PEACE**.

English

We expect all children to read regularly at home and ask that green reading diaries are kept in school bags so they can be accessed at school and at home. We encourage the children to write about their reading in these books and we appreciate your comments too! This year we will continue to build upon the use of accurate grammar and punctuation in reading and writing that the children have learnt in previous years. Our work will be planned using a range of high-quality texts which reinforce and develop this knowledge and promote the use of language. There will also be a focus on drama and role play to support the children help develop this as well as extending their reading, writing and comprehension skills.

Maths

We start the year by looking at Place Value. A secure knowledge of this concept underpins all mathematical understanding. We will now be teaching children to represent numbers up to 1,000,000. The children will be learning to add and subtract whole numbers with more than 4 digits and to multiply and divide by 10, 100 and 1,000. Following last term's Multiplication Tables Check, we will continue to practise multiplication and division facts regularly to support fast recall of number facts. The children will develop their skills in adding and subtracting fractions and learn to convert improper fractions to mixed numbers. We will also continue to tackle word problems and promote reasoning skills.

R.E

Our first R.E unit this year will be What is Buddhism? We will be discovering the key people and beliefs within this faith and considering how we can relate these to the Christianity. After half term, we will be learning about the Beatitudes, asking what they mean for Christians and later, exploring how music and art convey Christmas.

Geography

During the first half of the autumn term, we will be investigating our local area, specifically using fieldwork to observe, measure and record the human and physical features in the local area. The Children will use a range of methods, including maps, plans and digital technologies to help them discover more about Nutfield and its surrounds.

Homework

We will be setting homework each week on Friday. This will comprise a list of spellings and times tables/mental Maths practise. Both the spellings and times tables will be set online and tested on the following Friday in class. In addition, we expect the children to read for at least 15 minutes each day, preferably out loud to an adult.

History

After half term in our History lessons, we will be learning about The Anglo Saxons. We will look at why the Anglo-Saxons came to Britain, how and where they lived and consider their legacy for modern Britain. The children will learn to make links between events from the past and discuss how relevant they are for life today.

PPA and non-contact time

Mrs Benjamin and I will both have PPA time each week on Thursday morning. During this time, the class will be taught by Mr Peluso and supported by Mrs Russell. On Thursday afternoon and Fridays, I will have additional non-contact time. Mrs Benjamin and Mr Peluso will teach the class during this time.

P.E

This year P.E lessons will take place on Monday afternoon. Please ensure your child's P.E kit is brought to school on Monday. This consists of a navy-blue shorts/tracksuit bottoms, yellow P.E T-shirt, trainers and socks (girls should not wear tights during P.E sessions). All jewelry should be removed before the session. This term, we will be concentrating on cross country, tag rugby and handball.

Uniform

Please adhere to the school's uniform policy which can be found on the website. When winter closes in, please ensure your child brings a named coat daily. Wellies are also advised for our outdoor learning. Please ensure all items of clothing are named.

Expressive Arts

This term, our focus artist will be Turner and we will use his work as inspiration to help us paint different representations of nature. We will be considering colour and how this is used to create differing effects. After half term, our focus will be collage; developing work to convey contrast and to represent a real object.

In French, the children will be learning key classroom vocabulary, telling the time and using the verb 'manger' (to eat).

In Music, we will learn to recognise different musical styles and instruments. There will be a focus on pulse, rhythm, pitch and tempo. We will also practise singing and working together as part of an ensemble.

Science, Computing and Design and Technology

During Science this term our topics will be 'Do all animals have the same lifecycle?' In the first half term the children will be specifically learning to describe the changes humans experience as they develop through life. In particular, children will be learning about the main stages of human growth and comparing this with different animals. In Computing, we will be learning to select, use and combine a variety of software. In particular the children will develop their skills using PowerPoint and Excel. In Design and Technology, the children will learn a range of simple cooking techniques and have the opportunity to cook a number of predominantly savoury dishes to help build their knowledge of healthy and varied diets.

Wellbeing

We will be learning about happy and healthy friendships, celebrating our strengths and setting goals. We will explore why it is important to be part of a community. P4C will play an important role in helping us explore topics and learn to express our opinions, to agree and disagree with respect.

We will also be in charge of looking after the chickens this year! The children should bring in their wellies or old trainers for when they are working at Trinity Farm.

Key Dates

25.09.23 - The Big Vote

27.09.23 - PTFA AGM 6 - 7pm

05.10.23 - Harvest Service at Christ Church 9:30am

16.10.23 - Whole School Nasal Flu Vaccination

20.10.23 - End of Half term

10.11.23 - Remembrance Service 11:00am

13 - 17.11.23 - Anti-Bullying Week

20.11.23 - Individual School Photographs

27 - 29.11.23 - Parent and Carer Evenings 3:30 - 6pm

30.11.23 - St Andrew's Day

12.12.23 - Christmas Concert 6 - 7pm

13.12.23 - Christmas Lunch

14.12.23 - Christmas Service at Christ Church 9:30am

15.12.23 - End of term

And finally...

We are really looking forward to working with your children this year. If you would like to speak with any of our team more privately, please let us know or contact the school office to arrange an appointment. Do keep an eye on the school website that lists all the key dates for the autumn term.

Mr Sparrow, Mrs Benjamin and Mr Peluso

