



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 reading logs 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 logs 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 'Who are the fearless women of faith?'. We shall be exploring, examining and comparing the different representations of women both in the Bible and different walks of life and in the church. This unit will allow us to consider the role of women in the Bible through exploring their stories, their actions and the examples they have set.

History

During the first half of the autumn term in our History lessons, we will be learning about 'The Anglo Saxons'. We will look at why they 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.

Homework

We will be setting homework each week on Friday. This will comprise of a list of spellings and times tables 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.

Geography

After half term, in our Geography lessons we will be investigating the question 'Why on Earth?' We will be learning how to identify features on a world map and locate major cities in Europe and North and South America. We will be considering the question of why cities grow and spread examining possible reasons for this.

PPA and non-contact time

On Wednesdays, I will have my PPA time in the morning and non-contact time in the afternoon for my role as an Early Career Teacher Mentor. During this time the class will be taught by Mrs Summers with supported from Miss Oastler and Miss Lyndsay.

P.E

This year P.E lessons will take place on Monday afternoon. Please ensure children come into school in their PE Kits. 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 tag rugby, gymnastics 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, we will be learning about Vincent Van Gogh, the Dutch Post-Impressionist painter. His work includes landscapes, still life, portraits, and self-portraits, most of which are characterised by bold colours and dramatic brushwork that contributed to the rise of expressionism in modern art.

In French, the children will be learning key classroom vocabulary, how to ask and give the time and how to communicate their likes and dislikes

In Music, using the famous rock anthem 'Living on a Prayer', we will be learning to recognise and play different musical instruments with a focus on pulse, rhythm, pitch and tempo.

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

Using 'Jigsaw', our PSHÉ lessons will give us the opportunity to explore the topics of 'Being Me in My World' and 'Celebrating Differences'. This will be through a range of whole class and small group activities. P4C will play an important role in helping us explore different issues and learn to express our opinions, to agree and disagree with respect. We will be helping to look after the chickens this year! The children should bring in their wellies or old trainers for when they are visiting Trinity Farm.

Key Dates

17.09.25 - Wellbeing Wednesday (full PE kit)
W/C 06.10.25 - Love Project Launch week
16.10.25 - Harvest Service at Christ Church 9.05am
27 to 31.10.25 - Half term
24,25,26 11.25 - Parent and Carer Meetings
W/C 01.12.25 - SSA Parent and Carer Meetings
11.12.25 - Nasal Flu Vaccination



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.

Mrs Rutter, Miss Oastler and Miss Lyndsay