



Year 5 Curriculum Newsletter



Autumn



Dear families,

Welcome to Year 5! We hope you enjoy our first curriculum newsletter and find it a useful source of information. We have a jam-packed term ahead filled with lots of stimulating learning and new experiences for the children – we can't wait to get started!

Mrs Wilson, Miss Ferry and Miss Stead

English

Danny the champion of the world and writing linked with Remembrance

Featuring in English is Roald Dahl's Danny Champion of the World from which the children will be learning to write a character description, a one-sided argument, a conversation between two characters and writing to inform. In the second half term, our writing will focus on an animation called 'The Piano' from which the children will have the opportunity to entertain using a narrative flashback to write from the perspective of the character. Also, we will be completing writing based around a clip linked to Christmas.

SPAG

To enhance our writing and further develop our grammatical knowledge we will look at relative clauses beginning with who, which, where, why, whose or that, converting nouns or adjectives into verbs using suffixes. We will learn how to build cohesion within a paragraph (e.g. then, after that, firstly), use parenthesis and modal verbs/adverbs to indicate possibility.

Reading

Our aim as a school is to promote a love of books through reading activities in our 'reading for mastery' lessons where children will enhance their vocabulary, learn how to retrieve information, and read between the lines with inference questions.

Maths

In Maths, we begin by working on number. This includes understanding place value, including Roman Numerals (up to 1000), and the four rules (addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division). The children will be reading, writing, ordering, and comparing numbers to at least 1,000,000. They will learn about negative numbers and develop the skill of counting forwards and backwards through zero. Round any number up to 1000000 to the nearest 10, 100, 1000, 10000 and 100000 will also feature in the autumn term. Terms such as multiples, factors, square and cube numbers will be learnt with prime and composite numbers being identified. We will also explore fractions, identifying equivalence, comparing them, adding, and subtracting them and finally converting between improper fractions and mixed numbers.

KIRFS

Consolidate multiplication and division facts for all times tables.

Find factor pairs of a number

Know prime numbers within 100.

Recall all square numbers up to 12 and their related square roots.

Science

In our study of Space, we will describe the movement of the Earth, and other planets, relative to the Sun in the solar system. We will look at the movement of the Moon relative to the Earth. Using the idea of the Earth's rotation will help us explain day and night, and how the sun appears to move across the sky.

When learning about forces we will explain how unsupported objects fall towards the Earth because of the force of gravity. Identify the effects of air resistance, water resistance and friction, that act between moving surfaces. Recognise that some mechanisms, including levers, pulleys, and gears, allow a smaller force to have a greater effect.

Foundation Subjects

ART – We will explore how we can create typography through drawing and design and use our skills to create personal and highly visual maps.

D.T. – We will explore structures, design, and make a Bird hide.

GEOGRAPHY - How is the UK changing? This topic will secure our map reading skills, knowledge of the United Kingdom, its regions and encourage us to think about how it has changed.

RSHE – Setting goals for the school year, parliament and democracy, rules and law, families and first aid.

COMPUTING – Systems and transferring information. Safe internet searching. Programming – to make light, sound and motion.

R.E. - What do Christians believe about old and new covenants?

FRENCH – Learning new vocabulary and developing our describing skills in French through our new topics – ‘Portraits’, ‘Meet my French Family’ and ‘Clothes’.

P.E. – Dodgeball (5S), Netball (All) and Swimming (5F and 5W)

MUSIC – Singing assembly and preparation for the Christmas Performance! 5S will be learning to play the Ukulele (5F and 5W will complete this in another term)

HISTORY – How hard was it to invade and settle in Britain? (Anglo Saxon England). What was life like in Tudor England? (The Tudors).

Homework

Reading

It would be fantastic if you could support your child in their reading by listening to them on a regular basis- we recommend 20 minutes of daily reading. Also, questioning them about what they have read will help develop their comprehension skills and to understand the styles of different authors. Children will bring home a banded book, please log their reading in the diaries by providing a comment about how they have read. As year 5 progresses, some children will move onto free readers and will no longer use a banded book.

Maths

Encourage your child to regularly log on to Times Table Rockstars to rehearse their times table facts. www.ttrockstars.com. Learning and practising their times tables will help them develop their arithmetic skills as well as many other areas within the year 5 curriculum. The children's logins are the same as previously used. However, please do get in touch if you have any problems logging in.

Spellings

The new spelling rule will be taught every Tuesday for 5S, Monday for 5F and Wednesday 5W your child will be tested the following week. You can help support your child in the practising of their spellings by testing them at home so that they are ready for their weekly test. A Spelling Bee award will be given to pupils who have made great effort or progress. However, please do get in touch if you have any questions.

We also welcome your help in school. If you have any resources or expertise which you feel would support our work this term, please do not hesitate to send them in or contact the year 5 staff to find out how you can get involved.

PE

Children must have a labelled PE kit that remains in school.

If your child has pierced ears, please ensure your children can remove the earrings independently or provide them with tape to apply. Hair bobbles also for longer hair.

P.E. lessons – 5S: Tuesday and Thursday

5W Tuesday and swimming on a Monday.

5F: Thursday and swimming on a Monday (1/2 the class will swim with the other ½ swimming later in the year).

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Please note that these emails may not be checked daily, please contact the School Office on 01484 655800 if your query is urgent or we can speak to you before or after teaching hours

Important Dates

Monday 7th September – Swimming starts for 5W and half of 5F

Thursday 1st October- school photos

Wednesday 21st October - Break up

Monday 5th October Flu immunisation

Monday 2nd November - Return to school

Wednesday 11th November-Parents evening

Wednesday 18th November- Parents Evening

Wednesday 16th, Thursday 17th December- Christmas performance.

Friday 18th December- Break up for Christmas/ Christmas jumper day.

