

Year 5 Newsletter – Spring 1

Welcome

In this termly newsletter you will find out all about the exciting things we will be learning and any events coming up.

Phonics and Reading

Phonics

Whole class reading sessions will take place daily, using a variety of texts. We will focus on developing reading fluency, which children can practice at home by reading frequently. We will also focus on comprehension skills such as inference and retrieval.

Recommended reads:

Defenders by Tom Palmer

The Breakfast clubs adventures by Marcus Rashford

The Last Viking by Terry Deary



Writing

This term we will be focussing on writing a biography about the inspiring career of female pilot Jacqueline Auriol. We will also be aiming to write character descriptions based on the short film 'eye of the storm'.



Maths

During this term in year Five, we will be focusing on multiplying and dividing numbers mentally drawing upon known facts, multiplying 4 x 2-digit numbers, dividing 4 by 1-digit numbers and interpreting remainders appropriately for the context and solving problems involving the four operations. We will also be revisiting equivalent fractions and converting improper fractions into mixed numbers. Regular practice on Times Table Rockstars can be hugely beneficial particularly during this term



Science



Our science topic this term is 'getting sorted'.

We will investigate; how can we compare and group materials, are all plastics/metals the same and we will try and uncover what is the best material for a carrier bag.

Computing

Our computing topic this term is 'Databases'. We will be learning how to use tools to search databases, and then use this to help us to find things quickly, such as prices and numbers of items. We will be applying our knowledge to real-life contexts and then solving problems.



Art & Design/Design & Technology



Our Design Technology and technology this term will focus on creating pop up books. Children will create the structure of their books, including the pop-up features, and begin to make their own mechanisms.

Geography/History

Our history topic this term is the Vikings. We will research who the Vikings were, what were their beliefs and how the Vikings influenced Great Britain in the past as well as today.



Music

In music this term, the learning is focused how artists use love to influence their music in a topic called 'make you feel my love'. We will be listening to different pieces and comparing them to help understand how and why artists write their lyrics.



PE



During PE this term, we will be focussing on multi skills and basketball. We will be developing our abilities to play basketball, and also getting active with a range of activities to improve and develop fitness and strength

PSHE



Our PSHE topic this term is 'Dreams and Goals'. We will be looking at our personal learning goals and what steps we could take to achieve these, as well as how to recognise our achievements. We will then look at our dreams for the world and how we could help to make a difference.



RE

This half term we will be learning about Sikhism, specifically 'Beliefs and morale values'. We will look at the key question 'are Sikh stories important today?'

Enrichment

We will have a Viking day at the end of term, where we will dress as Vikings and participate in a range of different Viking activities.



Homework Project

- Bug Club/ TTRS
- Create a Viking Helmet
- Make a model Viking boat
- Design a Viking shield
- Research about the Vikings



Skills Builder

The Skills Builder Universal Framework provides a common language for building essential skills with children and young people.

Research shows that building essential skills supports social and emotional wellbeing, learning and academic outcomes and careers and opportunities



Times Tables Rockstars



Spelling Shed



Rewards

The children will receive 'Dojo Points' as reward for good behaviour, work and attitude. Points can be 'spent' on prizes periodically.



Class information

Class Teacher: Mr Smith

Teaching Assistant: Mrs Mitchell

Please remember to name your child's school jumper or cardigan.

We request that all children bring a named water bottle to school every day and when the weather is warmer a sun hat and sun cream.

Please remember if you are making your child a packed lunch, we ask you not to put anything in that contains nuts.

Dates for the diary!

This term closes on Friday the 10th of February

