

Year 5 Newsletter – Summer 2

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

Whole class reading sessions will take place daily, using a variety of texts. We will focus on developing reading fluency, which children can practise at home by reading frequently.

We will also focus on comprehension skills such as inference & retrieval.

Phonics

Recommended reads:

Charlotte's Web - E.B. White

The Secret Garden - Frances Hodgson Burnett

Anglo Saxon Boy - Tony Bradman



Writing

This term our writing task will be writing a diary entry based on the picture book 'Tuesday'. We will then turn our attention to journalistic writing and create a newspaper report. We will then be focussing on using speaking and listening skills to develop understanding through imaging and exploring ideas based on the Viking Boy by Tony Bradman.



Maths

This term will be spent working with negative numbers. We will begin by counting through zero in sequences and then move onto comparing and ordering negative numbers. We will then look at converting units including kilograms, kilometres, litres, and millilitres and convert between metric and imperial units. Finally, we will be focusing on volume in Maths, estimating and comparing volume and capacity.



Science

Our Science topic this term is 'our changing world'. We will begin to identify what signs of plant reproduction we can observe around our school. We will develop our knowledge and skills in explaining how we can ensure that plants in our growing space yield as many crops as possible and decide which plants are best to plant in our growing space.



Computing

In computing this term, we will be making a Document from a blank page. This will include practising skills such as: Inserting images, editing images, adding headers and footers, adding text, editing texts and making it presentable.



Geography/History

Our Geography topic this term is Climate. We will be learning about time zones, climate zones, biomes, and vegetation belts, and the effects of global warming. We will also be investigating how we can reduce our carbon footprint and learning more about this on our trip to conkers.





Music

In music this term, we will be consolidating the learning that has occurred during the year. All the learning is focused on revisiting songs and musical activities, a context for the History of Music and the beginnings of the Language of Music.

PE

Our PE units this term will be Rounders and Cricket. We are extremely lucky this term to have a Northamptonshire County cricket coach coming in to teach cricket on a Tuesday. In Thursday's PE, we will be learning about the rules of rounders and practising throwing and catching as well as striking and fielding. We will then use the skills we have learnt in a rounder's competition at the end of the year.



PSHE

Our PSHE topic this term is 'changing me'. We will be Recognising that puberty is a natural process that happens to everybody and that it will be OK. The children will express how they feel about becoming a teenager and celebrate what they like about their own and others' self- image and body-image.



Art and Design

Our Art and Design focus this term will be on 'formal elements'. The children will be participating in observational drawing to help improve their mastery of art and design techniques. The children will Create sketchbooks to record their observations and use them to review and revisit ideas. The class will also Learn about great artists, architects and designers in history.



RE

This half term we will be learning about Christianity. We will be exploring what the best way is for a Christian to show their commitment to God.

Homework Project



- Please continue using TT Rock Stars regularly, to improve your fluency with times tables and division facts.
- Continue to read regularly and use Bug Club to help with comprehension
- Please use arithmetic papers sent home and practice incorrect questions
- Research about how we can improve our carbon footprint
- Develop ways the school can become more environmentally friendly



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. Children need a coat on colder days.

We request that all children bring a named water bottle to school every day.

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!



Monday 5th June – Summer 2 Term starts

Wednesday 5th July – Sports Day

6th July – Town sports county finals

Friday 7th July – Transfer Day

13th July – Conkers trip

19th July – Rounders Tournament

Friday 21st – End of Summer 2 Term