

Year 5 Curriculum Newsletter

Summer Term 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

We thought that you may be interested to learn about some of the varied and interesting work planned for the Spring Term in Year 5.

English - This term our English work will revolve around writing play scripts, persuasive speeches, fantasy stories, diary entries and imagery poems. As well as these units, we will be carrying on to develop our reading and comprehension skills, and applying our current and new spelling, punctuation and grammar knowledge to work in all subjects.

Maths - During this term our maths work will cover a range of units: fractions, area, Roman numerals, data handling, long and short multiplication and division, mental subtraction and addition, money problems and translating shapes, as well as number skills. In addition to this, we will be continuing with our Big Maths sessions and our weekly problem solving lessons which allow children to apply their maths knowledge, from various areas, to a range of contexts.

Science - Our topic this term is 'Forces'.

Topic - Our topic for the term is 'Magnificent Maya'. Through this we will develop our knowledge around Mayan civilisations, food, traditions, games and their number system.

Computing - We will be developing a range of technology based skills using a range of technology including, computers, laptops, kindles and I-Pads. Our focus this term is cryptography and models and simulations.

Music - We will focus on singing and playing instruments with increasing confidence and control. We will develop musical composition, organising and manipulating ideas within musical structures and reproducing sounds from aural memory. We are going to have a musical workshop based around our topic of 'Magnificent Maya'.

R.E. - We will be focusing on comparing and contrasting worship in the home within Christianity, Buddhism and Islam.

P.E. - Our main topics this term are Cricket and Athletics. Our sessions will be every **Tuesday and Thursday**, however children need their P.E. kit in school from Monday until Friday as there may be times when we have additional P.E. sessions.

P.S.H.E. - Our personal and social health education lessons will be developed through a variety of ways including through topics 'E-safety' and 'Changes'.

Reminders - All children require a **water bottle every day** and a change of shoes (PE shoes would be fine). Reading Records must be handed in on a Friday, children should aim to read at least **4 times a week** and record a comment each time.

Homework - Homework will be given out on Friday to be returned by **Wednesday morning** ready for marking. This may include work from English, Maths, Science or cross-curricular topics.

In addition to this, a list of spellings, will be given out every 2 weeks. There will be up to 12 spellings to learn and these spellings will stay the same for 2 weeks. Alongside this, there will be spelling tasks to complete every week. A spelling test will take place every week (**Thursday morning**) therefore we should see week by week improvements. **It is really important that spellings are practiced daily.**

Knowing our multiplication tables are really important. In Year 5, children should be able to recall their multiplication tables, and the related division facts, quickly. To help with this, we have weekly times table tests (on a Thursday) and each week the children will have a certain times table and matching division facts to learn for homework. **Please encourage your child to practise their times tables forward, backwards and randomly.** In addition to this, we have recently signed up to 'Times Table Rock Stars' website to encourage children to become fluent in their times tables by competing to beat their own scores, as well as competing against each other and against other schools. All children have a log in for this so that they can access this from home, and we hope that the children see this as fun, rather than homework.

Towards the end of the school year, we will be performing as the choir for the end of year performance, with the Year 6 children. More information regarding this will follow, closer to the date.

If you would like to discuss any items further, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards,

Miss Robinson and Mr Jackson.