



Year 5 Autumn Newsletter 2019

Hello and welcome back to school. We are looking forward to a busy and eventful term ahead as we begin our journey in year 5.

Topic Overview

In maths, we will be developing our number work, in particular place value, the four operations (+, -, x and ÷) and fractions. We will also begin our geometry topic, looking particularly at position and direction. In English, we will be revising Y3/4 and begin developing Y5/6 SPAG concepts, develop reading comprehension skills and, in writing, we will focus upon developing a range of writing genres, linked to the novel *Kensuke's Kingdom* by Michael Morpurgo.

Our science topics this term are 'forces and 'Earth and space'. In R.E, our areas of study include: 'Was Jesus the Messiah?' 'Creation and Science: conflicting or complementary?' and 'How do religions help people live through good and bad times?' We will also be learning about mountains in geography and our focus for art & design is fruit and vegetables. During our PSHCE sessions we will be focussing upon British Values.



Homework

Maths and English homework will be set on a weekly basis. In addition to completing these pieces of homework, we also expect the children to read at least three times every week (and have their home contacts books signed by parents), spend time learning spellings and revising tables facts on a daily basis. We are extremely lucky to have been able to renew our *Mathletics* subscription for another year and pupils can access this from home to support their learning. *Mathletics* task will also be set as homework on a regular basis ~ if your child is unable to access the Internet from home, please bring this to our attention and provision can be made for your child to complete these during lunchtimes.

P.E.

Our PE days this term will be on Tuesdays and Fridays. Therefore pupils will need to have their indoor and outdoor kits in school on these days. We expect pupils bring their kits in on a Monday morning and take them home again on a Friday afternoon as there may also be additional sessions and lunchtime clubs which pupils will be able to get involved in



Important dates

Thursday 26th September ~ Pupils will take part in activities linked to European Day of Languages.

Tuesday 1st October (9-9.30am) ~ Y5 open morning. One member from each family is welcome to come into school and work with your child.

Tuesday 22nd October ~ Parent consultation evening

Thursday 24th October ~ Parent consultation evening

Friday 25th October ~ Non-uniform day

We will break up for half term on Friday 25th October and children will return to school on Monday 4th November.

Monday 18th - Friday 29th November ~ Some Y5 pupils will be swimming daily with the aim to achieve their 25m swimming certificate (further details will follow).

Thursday 28th November ~ Y5/6 disco

Thursday 5th December (9am) ~ Y5 Tangerine class to lead worship

Friday 20th December ~ Non-uniform day

We break up for Christmas on Friday 20th December and children will return to school on Tuesday 7th January 2020.

Thursday 9th January ~ Y5 Moonstone class to lead worship

Please keep an eye on our school newsletters for further dates. Please also remember if you need to contact school regarding any queries; please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher in the first instance or our school office. We will reply to your query as soon as possible.

Many thanks,

Mrs E. DuBruyn, Miss J. Cook, Mrs J. Ross-Heeley, Mrs B McGill and Mrs F. Stewart.
(Year 5 staff)

