

Year 5 Class Newsletter

Term 2

Welcome to a new term! It was wonderful to see Year 5 back in school last term, and I'm sure this term will be equally busy and productive.

English

Our English lessons this term will be based on the book "The Iron Man" by Ted Hughes. The children's writing this term will include: character descriptions, recounts, a letter and an adventure story. During our grammar lessons, we will be focussing on the perfect forms of verbs and the apostrophe used for possession (including plural nouns).

Maths

This term, our maths lessons will focus on addition and subtraction, visualising and constructing, calculating space and exploring fractions. Over the year, the children will be revising all their times tables so that they can recall them fluently.

Science

Our science topic for this term is Properties and Changes of Materials. As part of this topic we will explore material properties, thermal and electrical conductivity, and solutes and solutions.

PE

This term, our PE lessons will be on Mondays and Tuesdays. Each Monday and Tuesday, **the children should come to school in their PE kit, which they will stay in all day**. This will mean that they won't need to get changed in school and will reduce the risk of others accidentally touching their clothing or putting on items belonging to others. Please make sure that your child is wearing a suitable PE kit for the weather that day, such as a t-shirt, shorts and trainers for warm and sunny weather, or a tracksuit and trainers for colder weather.

Foundation Subjects

Computing – Animation using Scratch

Art – creating artwork in the style of Vincent Van Gogh

Geography – comparison study of Wiltshire, Mexico and Greece

Music – Recorder lessons with the Swindon Music Service

RE – We will focus on the question "if God is everywhere, why go to a place of worship?"

PSHE – Celebrating Difference

French – Animal, Months of the Year, Seasonal Vocabulary

Reading

Reading is an important part of the curriculum and, as such, we believe that continuing to read with your child daily can improve their reading skills significantly. Therefore, we would appreciate it if you could read with your child as often as possible. This does not have to be your child reading to you, it could include sharing a book and discussing the content, as this helps tremendously with comprehension.

This year, instead of the bookmarks, each child has been given their own reading record for you to record when they have read. Please make sure that your child brings their reading record to school each day so that we can also record when we have heard them read.

Homework

Children will continue to receive the following homework:

- Spellings
- Reading

In addition to this, there will be optional homework that can be completed in relation to the work we are doing in school. This can be handed in at any time during the term. The following are a list of ideas for your child to choose from:

- Write a book review about your favourite book.
- Draw diagrams illustrating your 3 favourite outfits. Then label them to show all the materials that have been used and why you think they have been chosen for each garment.
- Research a river in Wiltshire, Greece and Mexico, creating a table to compare them.
- Research a mountain or mountain range in Greece and Mexico, creating a table to compare them.
- Research what life is like for school children in Greece and Mexico, comparing and contrasting this with what your life is like at school in Wiltshire.
- Listen to 2 pieces of music in different styles (eg. rock and blues). Write a review of the 2 pieces, describing the similarities and differences between them.

Remember, if at any time you have any concerns about your child, please feel free to contact the office to make an appointment to see me.

With best wishes,

Mr Eyles