

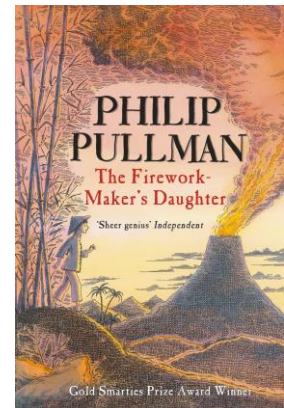
Year 5 Class Newsletter

Term 1

Welcome to a new academic year! It was wonderful to see Year 5 back in class last Thursday. There were so many happy faces and it was great to hear about some of the things the children got up to over the summer.

English

Our English lessons this term will be based on the book “The Firework Maker’s Daughter” by Phillip Pullman. The children’s writing this term will include setting and character descriptions, a letter of complaint and an adventure story. During our grammar lessons, we will be focussing on using direct speech, converting nouns or adjectives into verbs using suffixes, and learning how to use modal verbs.



Maths

This term, our Maths lessons will focus on numbers and the number system, addition and subtraction, and measuring space. 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 Forces. As part of this topic, we will investigate the amount of friction created by different surfaces and will explore the effects of levers and pulleys.

PE

This term, our PE lessons will be on a Thursday. Each Thursday, 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 – Our Computing lessons will focus on using the internet for research. We will also learn about webpage design and will have a go at setting up our own webpages.

Art – In Art, we will be exploring the work of Vincent Van Gogh and will create our own artwork in his style.

History – This term, we will be learning about the Victorians. We will learn about what life was like in the Victorian era and compare it to our own lives today. We will also learn about the Industrial Revolution and will explore the impact of the development of the Railway Works on life in Swindon.

Music – Each Wednesday, we will have recorder lessons with the Swindon Music Service.

RE – This term, we will focus on the question “Why do some people believe God exists?”

PSHE – Our Jigsaw unit this term is ‘Being Me in My World’. Our mascot is the Responsible Robin. Children will be learning about what it means to be a responsible citizen.

Latin – This term, we will begin our Latin lessons. We will learn about words with Latin roots, and will learn some Latin verbs and nouns.

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, each child will have their own online reading record for you to record when they have read. A letter has been sent out with more information.

Homework

Children will continue to receive the following homework:

- Spellings
- Reading
- Times Tables

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 sports. Then label them to show all the forces that are acting.

- Research what life was like for children in Victorian times. Write a diary entry for a week as a Victorian child.
- Research the technology and inventions created by the Victorians. Choose one of these to recreate using recycled materials (card, toilet rolls, cereal boxes, jars and bottles etc.)
- Research the life of Isambard Kingdom Brunel and write a biography.
- 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.

I look forward to working with you and your child this year. 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