

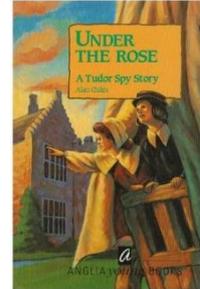
Year 5 Class Newsletter

Term 3

Welcome to a new term! I hope you have all had a happy and safe Christmas and are looking forward to a productive 2022.

English

Our English lessons this term will be focussed on three text types: rap poetry, persuasive arguments and historical narrative. We will be reading a persuasive argument about the deforestation of the Amazon rainforest and the story "Under the Rose" by Alan Childs. During our grammar lessons, we will be looking at fronted adverbials, prefixes and the use of commas.



Maths

This term, our maths lessons will focus on the properties of shapes, multiplication and division, counting and comparing, and exploring fractions, decimals and percentages. Over the year, the children will be revising all their times tables so that they can recall them fluently.



Science

In science, our new topic is Earth and Space. As part of this topic we will explore the planets of the solar system, the Earth's and the Moon's orbits and what causes tides. We will be conducting experiments to investigate the formation of craters.

PE

This term, our PE lessons will be on Tuesdays. Each 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

History – Our history lessons this term will focus on the Ancient Greeks. We will compare life in the cities of Athens and Sparta and will learn how Ancient Greek inventions have influenced our lives today.

Art – This term, we will be learning about and creating our own wire sculptures.

Music – We will continue to have recorder lessons with the Swindon Music Service.

RE – We will focus on the question "What is a place of worship for?"

PSHE – Our Jigsaw unit for this term is Dreams and Goals. Our mascot is the Persistent Peacock.

Latin – We will be developing our knowledge of verbs, adverbs and simple sentences.

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.
- Find out about what life was like for children in Ancient Greece. Write a diary entry of a child in Ancient Greece.
- Research a battle between the Ancient Greeks and one of their neighbouring countries. Then write a recount as one of the soldiers involved.
- Research the technology and inventions created by the Ancient Greeks. Choose one of these to recreate using recycled materials (card, toilet rolls, cereal boxes, jars and bottles).
- Research what life would have been like for school children during Ancient Greece. Create a fact file to share your findings.
- 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 speak to me.

With best wishes,

Mr Eyles