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Welcome to Year 5

Dear Parents/Carers,

Please have a look at the exciting topics we will be learning about this term! Below is a summary of this term's curriculum, forthcoming activities and homework timetable.

English

Each term our learning is centred around texts that will cover a variety of genres and purposes. They will link to some of our curriculum topics, to enhance and enrich the children's learning experience. These texts include: Planetarium, Hidden Figures and Where the Poppies Now grow. Each teaching sequence will allow the children to immerse themselves in each text through a variety of activities and writing outcomes. There will be an emphasis on spelling, grammar and punctuation throughout all units of work.



Spelling

In Year 5, we will continue to set spellings each week. The lists will be set every **Monday** with focused activities during the week and a test on the **Friday**. Throughout the week, children are encouraged to find words at school and home that fit this rule and to use them in their writing.

Maths



In Maths, we will be developing our knowledge of 'Number and Place Value' and the 'Written Calculation Methods' for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We will be developing our knowledge of fractions, decimals, measurement, statistics and geometry. There will be a focus on mental recall skills and improving the speed and accuracy of times tables.

Science

In Autumn 1, we will be studying 'Earth and Space'. This unit covers the relationships between the Earth, Moon and Sun in our Solar System. We will explore: sizes, orbits, night and day and why we have seasons. After half term, we move onto 'Properties and Changes of Materials' where the children will learn about different materials, their uses and their properties, as well as dissolving, separating mixtures and irreversible changes. Mint will attend HABs every Monday afternoon for science lessons this term; Teal will attend every Monday in the Spring Term.

Computing

In Computing this term, they will be developing their skills in Microsoft Word, learning how to create professional and well-organised documents. They will explore tables, captions, text boxes, headers and footer and how to add page documents. After half term, the children will explore physical computing using programmable devices.

History

We will carry out a historical enquiry that focuses on the Suffragettes. We will use a variety of sources of evidence to ask and answer key questions.





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Geography

The children will learn what life is like in the Alps. They will discover the climate of mountain ranges and consider why people choose to visit the Alps. Children will explore human and physical features of Innsbruck and discover what makes it attractive to tourists.

Music

In the Autumn term, the children will be exploring traditional sea shanties, developing rhythm and performance skills through using body percussions and teamwork.

Art and D & T

In art, the children will be developing our painting techniques as we study the life and work of Pablo Picasso. Children will be given the opportunity to their sketching and painting skills using hot, cold and complementary colours. In D&T, the children will be learning to develop a recipe. They will be taking a traditional bolognaise sauce and improving the nutritional value before cooking their own version and creating packaging for their product

PE and Games

The children in both classes will need to wear their PE kit to school on Tuesday and Wednesday for their PE lessons this term.



RE and PSHE

The focus of RE in Year 5 is Christianity, Judaism and Buddhism. This term, we will have the following lines of enquiry: why do people stand up for what they believe and why doesn't Christianity always look the same. In PSHE, we will explore two topics: 'Being Me in My World,' and 'Celebrating Difference.'

Homework

Homework will be sent home each week to be completed in your homework book. Homework will be set on **Thursdays** and will be due in the following **Tuesday**. Spelling words will be sent home on **Mondays** and children will be tested on **Fridays**. Children also have a Times Table Rockstars account and are expected to **spend at least 30 minutes on TTRS each week in order to practise their timetables.**

Homework will be sent home on a Thursday as follows:

Date set - Thursdays	Topic	Date Due in - Tuesdays
10 th September	Comprehension	15 th September
17 th September	Maths	22 nd September
24 th September	Grammar	29 th September
1 st October	Comprehension	6 th October
8 th October	Maths	13 th October
15 th October	Grammar	20 th October
4 th November	Comprehension	10 th November
12 th November	Maths	17 th November
26 th November	Grammar	24 th November
27 th November	Comprehension	1 st December
3 rd December	Maths	8 th December
10 th December	Grammar	15 th December





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Reading

We ask that children read for 10 minutes every day either independently or with an adult, including talking about the book that they have read. In Year 5, children are asked to record what they have read and when at least **3 times a week**. We ask that you sign your child's reading record **once** a week to encourage your child to read and for us to acknowledge that reading is being completed at home. On **Friday**, the children's reading records will be checked in school to ensure that they are reading regularly. We encourage your child to communicate openly with us regarding their reading and to change their books independently.

If you have any questions, please contact us via the school office.

Yours sincerely,

Year 5 Team

