



Year 5 Autumn Term News 2023

Dear Year 5 Parents, Carers and Friends,

Welcome back, I hope you have all had a relaxing Summer break and are ready for an exciting and busy term.

Our main topic this term will be 'Someday I will travel the world - but where?'

Here is an overview of our subject focuses for the term:

PHSE - For the first half of the term, we are going to be look at the Zones of Regulations where we will be supporting children to identify and name their emotions and come up with strategies to help them self-regulate. In the second half term, Year 5 will be focusing on the topic 'Celebrating Differences'. This theme is about understanding that everyone is different, learning to use kind words and to how to give and receive compliments.

English - This term we will start with poetry where we will be focusing on performance and figurative language and then we will then be writing our own poems in the same style. Next, we will be traveling to a fantasy world where we will be creating our own creatures and writing stories. After half term, we will be using our English lessons to write our persuasive arguments ready for our debate in the States Chamber.

During all this writing, we will be focusing on spoken language, using creative and imaginative language and learning about different types of sentences. For spellings and handwriting, we will be continuing with our focusing on the Year 5 and 6 spellings and for handwriting we will use the programme Penpals.

Maths - We will be continuing to follow the new National Curriculum using a scheme called Maths No Problem. This term we will be focussing on six areas: Place Value, Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication, Division and Statistics. There will be a heavy focus on developing the children's understanding through concrete materials (counters, blocks etc), pictorial (images) and abstract (written methods). The children will be using and applying their maths, learning to solve problems and puzzles in different ways and showing their reasoning skills by explaining their ideas by using mathematical language. Number sense, including times tables will be practiced regularly so that they are able to accurately and rapidly recall them. Children will also be assessed on their timetables weekly. You will receive another letter which will give more details on how this will work and how you can support your child. A child's mental ability is essential for their mathematical development and therefore your continued support with this at home is greatly appreciated.

Science - For the first half of this term, children will be focussing on a unit called 'Earth and Space', which focuses on the Earth, Moon and Sun and how natural phenomenon, such as day and night and seasons, occur. In the second half of the term, we will be looking at Living Things and their Habitats. The children will learn about the process of reproduction and the life cycles of plants, mammals, amphibians, insects and birds. The children will explore reproduction in different plants, including different methods of pollination and asexual reproduction.

Physical Education - The children will continue to have a minimum of 2 hours of PE a week with lessons being on a Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. On Wednesday's we will be going swimming at Haute Vallee and on a Thursday and Friday we will be continuing with physical literacy, which involves developing the important movement skills that all children need, such as running, hopping, throwing, catching and jumping. These movement skills in turn give children the confidence to participate in different physical activities, sports, and games. On all days the children can come to school in their PE kits.

Computing - Year 5 will be learning about the automated motor vehicle, Mars Rover, exploring how and why the Mars Rover transfers data, understanding how messages can be sent using binary code and experiencing how to; programme a Mars Rover, calculate binary addition and represent binary as text. After half term, the children will further develop their coding and music skills by learning how to include different sounds, beats and melodies which will then be put to the test with a live Battle of the Bands performance.

Art, Design and Technology - For the first half term, we will be focusing on art from Central and Southern America. The children will be exploring techniques of collage, using a range of materials, creating dream catchers and finally making sculptures. After half term, we will be moving onto drawing, with a particular focus on nature. This will hopefully include a trip to the zoo where we will look at patterns and shapes in nature by studying skins, skulls and feathers.

History and Geography - This term we will be looking at 'Some day I will travel the world - but where?' Over the term, we will be learning about map work, with a particular focus on Europe, North and South America, renewable and non-renewable resources, mountains and where our food comes from and the journey to our plates. This will be closely linked with our English, with lots of writing and creative opportunities.

RE - We will be looking at 'What is it like to be a Muslim in Britain today?'. We will discuss and learn about what God means to them, the Five Pillars of Islam and then the Hajj (pilgrimage). Next half term, we have Neil from St Paul's church who will be working with us on our Christianity topic.

Music - Alongside our topic, we will be looking at music from across the world and from different cultures.

Trips - We are currently looking at trips for this term and I will send out a letter with additional information later in the term to give more details and dates.

Home - Learning

Home reading - A child continuing their reading development at home makes such a difference to their attitude towards reading and to their reading progression. Although many of the children have developed their reading to the point where decoding words is much easier, it is still vitally important that they are able to read to an adult regularly. This will help your child to develop their pronunciation, confidence and give them the opportunity to discuss what they have read. Year 5 also have access to Bug Club, which they are expected to access at home. This will be monitored by myself.

Spelling - In class we will be revising previously taught spelling rules and learning a new spelling pattern or rule each week from the Year 5 curriculum. It would be fantastic if you could continue this at home. Your child will be given a set of spelling lists that they are aiming to spell correctly as soon as they can. There are also lots of ideas for fun, easy games that you can do at home with your child to help make spelling fun and memorable. We will be testing the children on these spellings half termly.

Maths - Learning rapid recall of number facts is an essential part in becoming a confident mathematician. Children need to learn these facts and be able to recall and apply them. Year 5 are expected to use TTRockstars three times a week. Each session needs to be for a minimum of 15 minutes. It has been proven that short sessions have more impact than a longer session.

Other

Please could you provide your child with a suitable painting shirt (a large old shirt/T-shirt is perfect). This needs to be named will be kept in the classroom.

Finally, please ensure that your child brings a water bottle to school **every day**.

As always, please see me with any questions or queries.

I look forward to working with you and your child in Year 5

Kind regards,

Mrs Audrain

