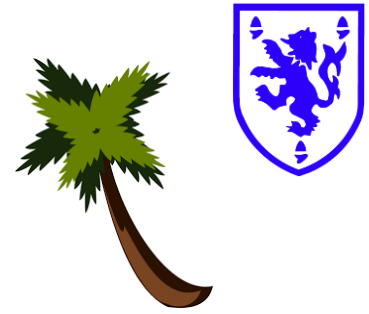


Year 5 Spring Term Newsletter

January 2022



Dear parents, carers and children,

Welcome back to school and wishing you all a joyful 2022.

PE Kit: PE will be on Tuesday and Wednesday for 5H and Monday and Tuesday for 5G. **Your child is allowed to come into school on both of these days in their outdoor PE kit.**

English This term, we will be exploring the beautiful adventure story *Journey to the River Sea* by Eva Ibbotson, which is about a girl called Maia who is sent to live with distant relatives in the Amazon Rainforest. In our writing, we will be developing our descriptive writing skills, focusing on relative clauses. We will then move onto newspaper writing, focusing on punctuating speech correctly.

Maths We will be learning about perimeter and area for the first few weeks of the term and then we will be consolidating our multiplication and division skills in the context of word problems. We will be practising our times tables daily as these are vital for success in Maths.

Science This term, we will be learning about 'Living things and their habitats,' which involves learning about the life cycles of plants and animals. Our science learning also links to our rainforest topic as we will be exploring the effects of deforestation and the importance of plants to our world.

Computing In ICT, pupils will continue to explore coding and algorithms through the website code.org. Our learning will be done in the ICT suite.

PE We will be playing dodgeball during our indoor PE lessons and in our outdoor lessons, we will be developing our hockey skills.

Music In Music, we will continue our singing practice; rhythm reading (quavers /semi quavers), using a Djembe (technique/different sounds of the drum and heritage) and study music through time.

PHSE Children will be taught drug education this term. This will include legal/illegal drugs including alcohol and their effects.

DT and Art In our Art this term, we will be learning about the works of William Turner and Henri Rousseau. We will develop our acrylic pastel skills, collage skills, experiment with digital photography and practise our still life drawing techniques.
In D&T we will be celebrating South American food.

RE In RE this term, Year 5 will continue to be exploring lifestyle and events in Sikhism as well as looking at religious texts.

Homework Homework will be set on a Friday. Each week, the children will be asked to complete 20 minutes of Times Tables Rockstars and to read daily. In addition, there will be Languagenut activities for children to practise their Spanish; optional Numbots activities and occasionally some optional homework linked to our Science and Geography learning this term.

Reading Pupils are expected to read for at least 15 minutes at least five times a week. Yellow Reading Records are to be signed at least 3 times a week by an adult, to show that your child has been read with.

We hope you have found this information useful. We will keep in touch with you throughout the term via Google Classroom and as ever, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Warmest wishes,

Year 5 Team