

Curriculum Newsletter for Year 5



Dear Parents and Carers,

In order to keep you informed and help you support your children, we thought it would be useful to share with you some of the arrangements in Year 5.

Your children have been working so hard with their learning so far this year, and we would like to thank you for all your support.

Class	Year 5 - Buffaloes and Llamas		
Class Teacher	Mrs Morgan and Miss Synnott		
Other teachers teaching the class	Tuesday mornings: Buffaloes – Mrs Thomson Llamas – Mrs Lacey In cases of illness or training, other teachers will be in the classroom.		
Support staff working in the classroom	Mrs Petre – Llama Class (Mon – Fri am) Ms Gadd – Buffalo Class (Mon – Fri am)		
Home learning	All home learning will be sent home on a Friday. These will be either on paper or via the school’s home learning websites.		
Reading books	It is your child’s responsibility in Year 5 to change their home reading book when they have finished it. They are given time at school to do this. Please try and hear them read for at least 10 minutes each day. Please sign the homework diary when you have read with your child. Any brief comments about how they read the book or about any questions / conversations you had about the book are very useful for continual assessment.		
PE kits	Our PE days are Mondays and alternative Wednesday and Fridays. Please ensure PE kit is in school on these days. Jewellery should be removed and children with long hair should have it tied back for health and safety reasons.		
Planned trips this year	Saxon/Viking Workshop (20 th September) Planetarium visit (9 th November) Greek Workshop (Summer Term) Other trips and visits are yet to be planned.		
Theme work this year	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
	The Invaders Space – The Final Frontier.	When the Whales Came The Circle of Life	It’s all Greek to me! Pirates

In addition to this, we thought it would be useful to share with you the themes that the children will be studying this term, so that you can support their learning at home. If you have any questions about these themes, please speak to the class teacher.

Literacy

In literacy, we are going to be looking at a range of different text types and writing our own compositions. Our non-fiction focuses are recounts and explanations, which we will explore through links with our theme. We will look at poetry to help us build our vocabulary and expression, as well as write some of our own. Towards the later part of the term we will look at a popular story in our literary heritage and use it to support our understanding of different viewpoints.

Maths

We will be studying counting, partitioning and calculating which will include use of the four operations. We will also be studying number facts (knowledge of times tables and number bonds) and understanding shape, including the properties of shape. We will look at handling data through the use of graphs and symbols, and measures which include capacity and different units of measurement. We will also investigate the relationships between numbers through recognising patterns and trends.

RE

In RE we will be learning how people live differently to us and we will be looking at some charity organisations. The children will be introduced to pilgrimages in a variety of religions. As a school we will also be learning, through our collective worship and in class, about the Christian value of Wisdom. In our next topic in RE, after half term we will be exploring Advent and what it means.

PE

We will be focusing on ball skills and demonstrating the ability to balance when catching in speed. With Sports Focus the children will be learning the rules and skills of basketball. Some PE sessions will be outside so please ensure your child has the appropriate footwear and clothing in their PE bags.

ICT / Computing

As well as using ICT throughout the curriculum, the children will be learning skills to help them write code in order to create actions in a program.

Themed work

In theme this term, we are looking at 'The Invaders' and 'Space: The Final Frontier'. During our 'Invaders' theme the children will be investigating the change of rule after the Romans, how the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings have influenced our modern world, key events and historical figures during this period and how they lived.

Our 'Space: The Final Frontier' theme will give the children the opportunity to create rockets and space buggies, investigate the planets in our solar system and we will be creating a space soundscape.

If you have any questions about this, feel free to catch one of the Year 5 team and we will be happy to help.

Many thanks again for your continued support.

Mrs Morgan and Miss Synnott

