

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 Newbold and Miss Davis		
Other teachers teaching the class	Friday Morning Buffaloes – Miss Gates Llamas – Miss Barr In cases of illness or training, other teachers will be in the classroom.		
	Mrs Hannon - Llama Class (Mon – Wed) Mrs Jackson – Buffalo Class (Mon – Thurs am)		
Home learning	All home learning will be sent home on a Thursday. 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 15 minutes each day.		
PE kits	Our PE days are Wednesdays. 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	Greek Workshop (Tuesday 30 th April). Pirates (TBC)		
Theme work this year	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
	The Invaders Space – The Final Frontier.	Cocoa Crazy The Circle of Life	It’s all Greek to me! Pirates

In addition, 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 looking at ‘The Water Horse’ by Dick King-Smith and using this as a basis to write letters, non-chronological reports and descriptive texts. The children will be looking at the characters in depth and writing from different points of view. Through all our Literacy lessons we will improve our use of punctuation and grammar including; modal verbs, subordinate and relative clauses, parenthesis and adverbial phrases.

Maths

We will continue studying counting, partitioning and calculating which will include use of the four operations in a range of different contexts. In the first half term we will be focussing on decimals before moving on to look at shape. The children will investigate the relationships between fractions, decimals and percentages, manipulating these to fit a variety of situations and challenges. We will focus on higher order thinking skills which will support children with independent problem solving.

RE

In RE, we will be continuing to learn about Islam and beginning to make comparisons with other religions. The aim is to give children a better understanding of the different religions we celebrate worldwide. Throughout the term, we will be exploring the Christian values of Reverence and Justice through our collective worship.

PE

In PE, children will focus on sportsmanship and healthy competitions in preparation for Sports Day. We will also continue to work on ball handling, agility and balancing skills through a series of tasks that are designed to increase their co-ordination skills. In addition to this, the children will continue to learn the rules and skills of a range different sports. Some PE sessions will be outside so please ensure your child has the appropriate footwear and clothing in their PE bags.

ICT / Computing

The children will be learning how to program games using coding and progressing on to creating apps. They will also be using computing as a method of research, writing, editing and publishing. Embedded within all our teaching will be principles of Internet safety.

Themed work

In theme this term, we are looking at 'It's All Greek to Me' and 'Pirates!' During our first theme we will be studying ancient Greece where the children will explore the history of the Greeks, the Olympics, Greek Gods and how the Ancient Greeks have had an impact on the Western world. After half term, the children will be learning all about Pirates. Throughout this theme, children will learn about the popularity of Piracy throughout history, alongside practising their textiles, compass and co-ordinates skills. We will be learning about the history of Pirates including trade, selling and famous Pirates throughout the ages.

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 Newbold and Miss Davis

