

Yearly 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.

Class:	Year 5 - Buffaloes and Llamas		
Class Teacher:	Mrs Morgan and Mr Parker		
Support staff working in the classroom:	Mrs Petre – Buffaloes Mrs Singh – Llamas		
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. Children can sign their own home-learning diary when they have read. Please sign the 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 every Monday afternoon. 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:	Planetarium visit (TBC) Greek Workshop (Summer Term) Other trips and visits are yet to be planned.		
Class-led worship dates:	Buffalo: Monday 25 th November 2019 Llama:		
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

Each half a term we will be sending home a theme overview. This is a useful document that explains how the theme will be taught throughout the foundation subjects. It gives practical ideas of how you can support your child at home and includes suggestions for extra – curricular activities to do as a family. Furthermore, it gives a list of spellings and key vocabulary that are relevant to the theme. If you have any questions about these themes, please speak to the class teacher.

English

Autumn Term:

In English, we are going to be looking at The Bayeux Tapestry, 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 English heritage and use it to support our understanding of different viewpoints.

Spring Term:

In the spring term we are looking at Charlie and the Chocolate Factory to support the children's descriptive writing. The children will be developing their skills in persuasion and instruction as we develop our characters and drama through our suspense or mystery stories. Through all our English lessons we will improve our use of punctuation and grammar including; modal verbs, subordinate and relative clauses, parenthesis and adverbial phrases.

Summer Term:

Within our last term of year 5 children will be on Greek Myths to support their narrative writing. They will be developing their skills in description and dialogue as we develop our characters and drama through our fable writing.

Maths

We will be studying place value, counting, partitioning and calculating which will include use of the four operations. We will focus a lot on fractions, decimals and percentages. 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

Autumn Term:

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 exploring who Jesus is. As a school we will also be developing our Christian faith through regular through collective worships as well as in our classrooms. Our next topic in RE, after half term we will be exploring remembrance and the Christmas story.

Spring Term:

During the spring term we will be learning about Islam and Pilgrimages. The aim is to give children a better understanding of the different religions we celebrate worldwide.

Summer Term:

This term we will be continuing to learn about Islam and begin making comparisons with other religions.

PE

In PE children will be progressing their ball handling, agility and balancing skills through a series of tasks that are designed to increase their co-ordination skills. In addition, they will be learning the rules and skills of a range different sport. 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 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. Throughout we will emphasise the importance of being safe online and address internet safety.

If you have any questions about our year ahead please 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 Mr Parker

