

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 Teachers	Mrs Newbold and Miss Davis		
Other teachers teaching the class	Friday mornings only: Buffaloes – Miss Barr Llamas – Mrs McAllen		
	Mrs Hannon – Llama Class (Mon – Wed, Friday) Mrs Jackson – Buffalo Class (Mon – Thurs am)		
Home learning	All home learning tasks will be sent home on a Thursday and should be completed by the following Tuesday. 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 Wednesdays. Please ensure PE kit is in school on this day. Jewellery should be removed and children with long hair should have it tied back for health and safety reasons.		
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 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 looking at Charlie and the Chocolate Factory to support children's descriptive writing. Additionally, 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 of 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. The children will investigate the relationships between fractions, decimals and percentages, manipulating these to fit a variety of situations and challenges. We will explore the purpose and uses of line graphs and plot specific coordinates. Each week we will be focusing on a different times table and quizzing children weekly on these.

RE

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

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, the children will be learning the rules and skills of a range of 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 using computing to support them with research and group presentations relating to their theme work.

Themed work

In theme this term, we are looking at Cocoa Crazy and The Circle of Life. During our first theme we will be looking closely at chocolate! The children will be learning where chocolate comes from, how it is made and trade in the chocolate industry. Our learning will build towards designing, making and branding their own chocolate! During our second theme, children will be learning about the life cycles of mammals, birds, insects and amphibians. They will also be looking at the life cycle of plants, the different parts of a plant and the purpose they have. They will also focus on how these life cycles and how food chains have changed over time due to medicine, conservation and diet.

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

