

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 Mr Parker		
Other teachers teaching the class	In cases of illness or training, other teachers will be in the classroom.		
Support staff working in the classroom	Mrs Singh – Buffalo Class (Mon – Fri AM and PM) Mrs Elliott – Llama Class (Mon – Fri AM and PM) Mr Austin – Teaching Buffalo Class (Friday)		
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 Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday mornings. Please ensure children come to school in their kits 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	Mask Workshop (TBC) Planetarium visit (TBC) Other trips and visits are yet to be planned.		
Theme work this year	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
	It's All Greek to Me! Space: The Final Frontier	The Invaders Rivers, Oceans and Lakes	The Industrial Revolution Pirates and Navigation

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.

English

In English, this half term, we are reading 'Who Let The God's Out' by Maz Evans. We will be writing diary entries, focusing on character comparisons and setting descriptions. As the half term moves on, we will be looking at Greek myths and begin

writing our own. During our space theme, we will be reading the book 'Cosmic' by Frank Cottrell Boyce. 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, the children will be exploring who Jesus is and learning about his miracles. 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.

PE

We will be focusing on ball skills and demonstrating the ability to balance when catching in speed. Some PE sessions will be outside so please ensure your child has the appropriate footwear and clothing.

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 'It's All Greek To Me and 'Space: The Final Frontier'. During our Greek theme, the children will be investigating how the Greeks 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 Mr Parker.

