



Year 5 Curriculum Newsletter Autumn 2017

Welcome back! We hope you all had a very enjoyable summer break and are ready for a new school year. We are looking forward to starting our journey through the Year 5 curriculum.

English

In English, we have started our work on Poetry revising patterns and figurative language. This will then feed into narrative writing threading through our learning journey work, Science Fiction in Space. We will be Charlie and the great glass elevator.

Next half term we'll be studying Beowulf, explanation text, persuasion and narrative poetry.

Reading

As you are aware, children need lots of practise to become confident readers. Reading aloud is a good way to hear expression and self-correct when it does not sound right. Please ensure your child is reading every night- around 15 minutes is a good amount. *Children fill in their planners with the book title and learning/page nos and you sign/initial the planners.* When they have finished, quiz them on new words, tricky spellings, actions, punctuation, thoughts and feelings. Then please write a comment in the planner and sign, so that we know they have been read with.

Mathematics

In Maths, we're focusing on number, place value and multiplication table facts. We will be working on numbers up to one million. We'll be focusing on mental strategies for the four operations using practical resources alongside the written method together with solving problems with more than one possibility.

Please support your child to be involved with as much maths as possible at home. E.g. cooking, weighing, measuring, patterns, money, time. If you would like any ideas please speak to us for suggestions.

It is also important to ensure regular practise of times tables. The more secure the children are with times tables, the more it frees up thinking time to solve problems! This includes drawings and pictures and inverse for fact families.

Learning Journey

This term, we will be learning about Space and Forces. We will be looking at understanding the Planets and gravitational forces together with some of the historical aspects and how thinking has changed over the years as more evidence is given. This will include collage and model making for art and blogging/vlogging for computing.

Later in the term, the children will be immersed in the age of the Anglo Saxons with a trip to West Stow.

P.E.

Year 5 will have PE twice a week. One lesson will be healthy mind and body education held in the classroom and one lesson will be physical education. This term we will be learning gymnastics, dance and boxercise with a focus on healthy lifestyle and health generally.

Please remind children that they need P.E. kits in school for the whole week.

Key Information

General organisation

Pupils need to have the following in school every day:

- a named water bottle
- a book bag containing a reading book and planner
- PE kit bag containing named plimsolls and trainers, named white t shirt and a pair of named shorts.

- We provide equipment for lessons, so there is no need for pupils to bring in pencil cases.
- Pupils are welcome to bring in a piece of fresh fruit or vegetables to have for their morning break. Snacks **must not contain nuts or chocolate**.
- Please remember that it is school uniform policy for pupils to come to school in smart black shoes and without jewellery.
- We would also like to remind you that long hair should be tied back every day.

Key Dates for this term

Tuesday 17th October: Parents evening 5:00 – 7:30pm

Wednesday 18th October: Parents evening 4:00 - 6:30pm

Home Learning

Home learning is set on a weekly basis. It will be issued every Thursday and expected to be completed and handed to the class teacher the following Tuesday.

Home learning is designed to reinforce work studied in class. The type of homework can vary from week to week, some has to be recorded in the homework books and some will be more creative. Please speak to the teachers if you are ever unsure about how to help your child with their homework. Children should speak to their own teachers if they have any queries with their homework.

Here are a few websites that children might find helpful to support their learning at home:

Maths Games

<http://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/7-11-years/problem-solving>

English Grammar

http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/english/spelling_grammar/

History- The Mayans

<http://www.dkfindout.com/uk/history/mayans/>

Please feel free to speak to us about any issues concerning your child, either through their planners or arranging an after school meeting via the office.

Year 5 Team

Mrs Tuck (Year Group Leader), Miss Levy and Miss Goodman