

Year 5 Curriculum Letter -Spring 1 2024

We hope that you had a wonderful winter break and a happy new year!

This newsletter will provide you with information on the half term ahead. If you have any further queries, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Best wishes,
The Year 5 team

Neptune class - Julia Bridden, Kelly Coltman
Pluto Class - Darcy Rahn, Moshkura Chourdury

Topic (History)

Our new topic will be 'Roman Britain'. We will be exploring this period, focusing on why the Romans invaded, how successful they were and what daily life in Roman Britain was like.

English

This term in English, we will begin by focusing on writing journey stories based on 'The Polar Bear Explorer's club' by Alex Bell. We will continue using Talk for Writing to develop the children's understanding of the model text, with a focus on descriptive devices and speech. In addition, we will explore the non-fiction text, 'How does a Lighthouse work?' by Roman Belyaev to develop our reading skills. In guided reading lessons, we will support children with all the core reading skills: predicting, summarising, inferencing, making connections and retrieval. Finally, we will continue to help more children to achieve their pen license as many of our students have been working extremely hard on their presentation and handwriting.

Maths

This half term we will work on multiplication and fractions. Please continue to support your child at home by helping them to practice their maths facts and times tables! Encourage your child to continue to complete the weekly mathematics tasks to support their learning with this.

Science

We are continuing with our topic: **Changes in Materials**. We will be looking at the properties of everyday materials, the relationship between different substances and demonstrate that dissolving, mixing and changes state are reversible changes. We will give reasons, based on evidence from comparative and fair tests, for the particular uses of everyday materials.

Music

This year, the children will begin to learn the ukulele, with a specialist teacher.

Art/DT

In our art lessons we will be creating 'Mosaics', using coloured paper, and Roman shields, linked to our Topic learning.

PE

Our PE lesson will take place on Tuesday and our swimming lesson will take place on Thursdays. Please remember to wear/ bring appropriate clothing for these sessions.

PSHE

In PSHE, the children will focus on 'dreams and goals', and how they can achieve them.

Spanish

We will continue to focus on basic and conversational Spanish.

RE

In RE, we will be learning about 'thankfulness' and how we can apply ideas from religious and world views thoughtfully.

Rough daily timetable:

9:00-9:30 Reading
9:30-10:45 English
BREAK
11:05-12:15 Maths
12:15-12:30 Assembly
LUNCH
1:30-2:30
Topic/Science/Computing/P.E/Art/PSHE
2:30-3:20
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Dates for the diary:

Friday 26th January- Holocaust memorial day
Tuesday 30th January- Tuesday 6th February- National Story Telling Week
Friday 2nd February- Number Day
Monday 5th February- Mental Health Week
Tuesday 6th February- Safer Internet Day
Wednesday 7th February- Chinese New Year celebrations
Thursday 8th February- DT cooking day
Friday 9th February- Tutorial Day- school closed for children
Monday 12th- Friday 16th February- Half Term!