

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 Mrs Hendry		
Other teachers teaching the class	Thursday Morning Buffaloes – Miss Barr Llamas – Mr Austin In cases of illness or training, other teachers will be in the classroom.		
	Mrs Singh/Mrs Petre - Llama Class (Mon – Fri am) Mrs Jackson – Buffalo Class (Mon – Thurs am) Mrs Williams – Buffalo Class (Mon-Thurs)		
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. Please try and hear them read for at least 15 minutes each day. Please sign the home learning 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 and alternative Mondays. 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	Greek Workshop (Thursday 24 th May 2018). Pirates (TBC)		
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 focusing on Greek Myths to support their narrative writing. The children will be developing their skills in description and dialogue as we develop our characters and drama through our fable writing. Through all 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 Algorithms and focus on higher order thinking skills which will support children with independent problem solving.

RE

In RE, we will be continuing to learn about Islam and beginning to make comparisons with other religions. The aim is to give children a better understanding of the different religions we celebrate worldwide. Throughout the term, we will be exploring the Christian values of Reverence and Justice through our collective worship.

PE

In PE, children will focus on sportsmanship and healthy competitions in preparation for Sports Day. We will also continue to work on ball handling, agility and balancing skills through a series of tasks that are designed to increase their co-ordination skills. In addition to this, the children will continue to learn the rules and skills of a range 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 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. Embedded within all our teaching will be principles of Internet safety.

Themed work

In theme this term, we are looking at 'It's All Greek to Me' and 'Pirates!' During our first theme we will be studying ancient Greece where the children will explore the history of the Greeks, Greek astronomy, the Olympics, Greek Gods and how the Ancient Greeks have had an impact on the Western world. After half term, the children will be learning all about Pirates. Throughout this theme, children will learn about the popularity of Piracy throughout history, alongside practising their textiles, compass and co-ordinates skills. We will be learning about the history of Pirates including trade, selling and famous Pirates throughout the ages.

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 Mrs Hendry

