

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	Monday mornings: Buffaloes – Mrs Thompson Llamas – Mrs Hume In cases of illness or training, other teachers may be in the classroom.		
Support staff working in the classroom	Mrs Petre – Llama Class (Mon – Fri am) Mrs Jackson – Buffalo Class (Mon – Thurs am) Mrs Williams – Buffalo Class (Mon – Thurs am)		
Home learning	All home learning tasks 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 their reading or about any questions / conversations you had about the book are very useful for continual assessment.		
PE kits	Our PE days are alternate Mondays and every Wednesday. 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	Invaders Workshop Thurs 28 th September 2017 Planetarium visit (TBC) Greek Workshop (Summer Term) Other trips and visits are yet to be planned.		
Theme work this year	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
	The Invaders Space – The Final Frontier.	When the Whales Came Cocoa Crazy!	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 going to be looking at a range of different text types and writing our own compositions. Our non-fiction focuses are recounts and explanations, which we will explore through links with our theme. We will read poetry to help us build our vocabulary and expression, moving on to writing 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 partitioning and calculation 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 we will be learning how people live differently to us and we will be looking at some charity organisations. The children will be exploring who Jesus is. As a school we will also be learning, through our collective worship and in class, about the Christian value of Koinonia. After half term, our RE theme 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. With Sports Focus the children will be learning the rules and skills of basketball. Some PE sessions will be outside so please ensure your child has the appropriate footwear and clothing in their PE bags.

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 'The Invaders' and 'Space: The Final Frontier'. During our 'Invaders' theme the children will be investigating the change of rule after the Romans, how the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings have 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 use our DT skills to model our Solar System

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

