

Year 5 Newsletter



Term 1 (2022/2023)



Article 29 (Goals of Education)

Education must develop every child's personality, talents and abilities to the full. It must encourage the child's respect for human rights, as well as respect for their parents, their own and other cultures.

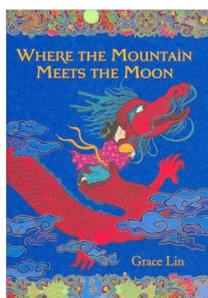
News

Welcome to Year 5! We are very excited about the learning we will be doing this term and are looking forward to working with you all. Please check that all items of clothing, coats and belongings such as water bottles are named and please can and pencil cases and other items from home stay at home.

The children are able to borrow a book from the classroom or the school library and change this when they need to. It is very important for all children to read regularly at home and talk about the books which they are reading, so please do encourage this where possible. If you have any questions please do come and talk to us. Mrs Stutt (Mondays and Tuesdays) and Miss Harrison (Wednesday, Thursday and Friday)

Reading

This term, Year 5 will be reading 'Where the Mountain Meets the Moon' by Grace Lin. This award-winning mythopoeic novel is inspired by Chinese folklore. The rich tapestry of stories, both original and traditional, transport readers to a fantastic world where Dragon joins Minli on a fortune-changing quest.



Writing

During term 1, Year 5's focus will be on writing an entertaining tale with the theme of 'defeating the monster'. To start with, children will build up their vocabulary alongside grammar skills by learning how to write descriptive phrases and complex sentences. After this, the children will embark upon planning, writing, editing and re-drafting their own tale of witches, dragons and the plucky heroes and heroines who take them on.

Maths

In maths, we will be exploring numbers up to one million and negative numbers in different formats, including rounding up to the nearest million.

After this, children will focus on geometry, including drawing, measuring and estimating angles. Children will also explore reflection and translation in quadrant grids.

In Year 5, all children are expected to know their times tables up to 12 X 12. As well as this, they should be able to use a range of written and mental methods to solve calculation problems with real life contexts.

Please encourage your child to practise times tables as often as possible; using Times Table Rock Stars is a great way to do this.



Science

Year 5 will be learning about the lifecycles of different creatures, including birds, mammals, insects and amphibians. We will learn about the parts of plants and find out how various plants and animals reproduce. We will use characteristics of animals and keys to classify them, as well as studying the famous naturalist David Attenborough and primatologist Jane Goodall.

Physical Education (PE)

The focus for PE this term is invasion games. The children will learn skills that support a range of invasion games, including netball. They will practise ball skills, team work and apply the basic principles of attacking and defending.

Children need to wear their full PE kit, along with their school jumper or cardigan, to school on their allocated PE day. Our PE day is Friday.

History

This term we will be learning about the Romans, from the foundations of early Rome through to the beginning of the republic and expansion of the Roman empire. The children will explore significant Roman inventions, culture, the rise of the empire and the invasion of Britain.



Spanish

This term, children will be learning how to communicate about their homes. The children will learn how to speak and write about the types of houses, their location and describe the inside of houses.



Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education (PSHE)

Our PSHE learning is about what makes up a person's identity. The children will learn how to recognise their strengths and things they are proud of. They will also be looking at what stereotypes are, why they may exist and how we can challenge these.



Art

This term in art, the children will be focusing on refining their drawing skills and techniques. They will build upon skills learnt from previous years and use expert vocabulary like 'horizon line' and 'vanishing point'. By the end of this unit, the children will create a successful landscape drawing to demonstrate all of the skills and techniques learnt throughout the coming weeks.

RE

In RE, Year 5 will be learning about the great philosophers and exploring their ideas on religion. We will be studying the four key areas of philosophy. The children will also learn about some of the most important Greek philosophers, including Socrates, Plato and Aristotle.

Homework

Homework will be set on Fridays and is due in the following Wednesday. This homework will include spelling work as well as maths revision and times tables practice activities. Please ensure it is completed and returned on time each week.

