



Year 5 Class Newsletter

Autumn 2019

Welcome to Year 5!

I hope you have had a wonderful holiday and are looking forward to the exciting academic year ahead. The following information will provide you with an insight in to what children in Year 5 will be learning.

I will be teaching in class every day apart from Tuesday, Miss Beddoes will teach them on that day. I will teach all core subjects and foundation subjects. On a Monday afternoon, children will have P.E. with Mrs Adams who is a specialist P.E. coach.

Many thanks,

Miss Thompson

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Home Learning

Please support your child's learning at home by practising their spelling challenges with them. Spellings will be sent out on a Friday and tested the following Friday. They will be stuck into Reading Records so that they don't get lost and will be ticked/ crossed each week so that you can see how your child has got on in tests and applying the words in their independent writing. There will also be regular revision weeks which will involve children bringing home words that may have already been sent home. This is to support children to recall the many spelling rules that they have to remember!

The children have all chosen books from my personal collection or the classroom reading corner collection. I am delighted with the pleasure that they are getting from reading these books; they have assured me that they will take extra special care of them and have promised not to lose them! I am always keen to hear about the books children are reading at home so please feel free to record these books in their reading record!

To support their Maths learning, please support children to learn the facts for the fluency club they are currently working on. Please also ensure that children are using DoodleMaths daily so that they can reach their target of 100 stars a week and build their streak score.

English

This term we will be focusing on a range of fiction and non-fiction text types.

We will begin by learning the structure of a warning story and then using this to help us write our own versions. Later in the term, we will be learning the key language and structure of non-chronological reports, overcoming the monster stories and formal persuasive letters.

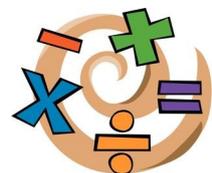
Furthermore, we will be exploring how to vary sentence construction and select precise vocabulary to create a particular effect.

To broaden our vocabulary and fuel our imaginations, we will be reading daily and learning a poem a week.



Maths

In Maths this term, we will be focusing on the place value of numbers up to a million. We will be comparing, ordering and partitioning numbers and applying this understanding to help us reason and solve problems. As well as this, we will be developing our knowledge of addition, subtraction, division and multiplication in both mental and written methods and focusing on selecting the most efficient strategy to use. We will also be exploring negative numbers, Roman numerals and rounding numbers to the nearest 10, 100, 1000 and 10,000. We will then be moving on to Perimeter and Area towards the end of the term.



Science

In Science we will be studying properties and changing of materials. Children will be taught to compare and group materials based on their properties. They will learn that some materials will dissolve in liquid to form a solution and will be expected to describe how to recover a substance from a solution. Children will also be taught to use their knowledge of solids, liquids and gases to decide how mixtures might be separated, including through filtering, sieving and evaporating.

History

Throughout this term, teaching and learning will be based on The History of the Local Area.

Children will discover more about the Black country including what the black country is famous for, its involvement in the doomsday book and which industries operated here in the 1900's.



Geography

As part of our local area study, we will be investigating what our local environment is like Now and in the future. We will be looking at how Merry Hill has been developed and the changes of the landscape and the surrounding area.

Music will involve us learning songs from different cultures and songs from the 1900's and performing them as part of a round.

PE will take place on a Monday. This term, children will be developing their tag rugby skills. Please ensure that children have a full PE kit in school everyday. As the weather gets colder, children can bring an outdoor kit too.

In **Computing** we will be developing our coding skills on Scratch as well as learning about more advanced coding and encryption.

In **French** we will be developing our conversational skills and learning how to name family members. We will also learn how to tell the time, count to 100 and name school subjects.

Art As part of our Amazing Art Day, we will be developing our drawing and printing skills to help us create work inspired by the Industrial Revolution

In **D & T** we will be building and designing bridges inspired by the industrial revolution (Clifton Suspension Bridge in Bristol) and cooking apple triangles.

In **RE** the children will research and discuss how different faiths are expressed through worship. Children will also be finding out about the main festivals or celebrations of various religions.

In **PSHE** will be learning about the importance of having a Growth Mindset. Children will learn to identify their strengths and areas for development. They will also be reflecting upon the importance of mistakes and how these can have an impact on our learning.