

Year 5 Newsletter: Spring 1

Welcome to Spring 1 in Year 5.

We hope you have had a relaxing holiday break and are ready for the start of the new year. **AR books** will continue to come home on a continuous cycle when the previous book is brought back. Please make sure that your child's book is returned at least once a week. These will come home during the second week of school.

PE Days are Thursdays and Fridays. Children should come in full PE Kit on this day.

Homework and Spellings will continue to come home weekly and are a crucial part of preparation for high school and also a massive boost in their academic efforts.

This half term we will be heading to Palatine Library on the 6th February 2023.



In English:

Children will be reading either 'Kensuke's Kingdom' OR 'Rooftoppers'. The following half term, the children will read the other book as a class. Here we are focusing on fluent reading and comprehension. We will also be completing lots of creative writing based upon these. Grammar, and punctuation continue to be a focus.

In Maths:

Children will continue to master the basics of maths through daily repetition and via their arithmetic homework. In our lessons, pupils will continue to strengthen their understanding of multiplication and division through learning formal written methods for calculations. Additionally, the children will continue to learn about fractions.



In Art:

The focus for Art is Kandinsky. We will be exploring his artwork and the technique and style before recreating some of his work and applying his technique to our own work.

In PE:

During their PE lessons on a Friday afternoon, children will take part in athletics activities with their class teacher, which will include techniques for jumping and throwing. On a Thursday, the secondary PE staff will teach the children either Hockey, Basketball or Badminton.

In PSHE:

The focus for this term is 'Living in the Wider World'. The children will learn about and engage in discussions about the following:

- *Belonging to a community
- *Media Literacy and Digital Resilience
- *Money and Work.

In RE:

Children will build on their prior learning of Hinduism and learn more about the beliefs of the people who follow this religion.



In Science:

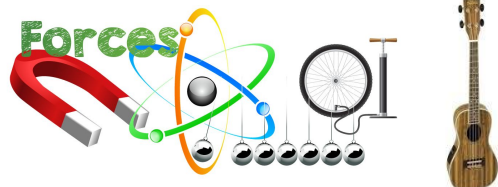
This half term the children will learn about the different forces that exist. There will be opportunities to design and run experiments and investigations using forces such as: gravity, friction and air resistance. The children will learn about how they influence the world around us on a daily basis.

In Computing:

This half-term will focus on spreadsheets. The children will be looking at inputting information into spreadsheets and basic formulae. This will be using google sheets and purple mash.

In Music:

Children will continue to learn the beginnings of how to play the ukulele with Blackpool Music Service. This will be a great opportunity for the children to build upon the knowledge and confidence gained throughout previous years.



In Geography: This half term children will be focussing on Global Trade. The children will explore: where the products we buy come from; what a supply chain is; what the supply chain of chocolate is; what the UK's biggest exports are and whether the global banana trade is fair.