

Year 5 Newsletter: Spring 2

Welcome to Spring 2 in Year 5.

We hope you have had a relaxing 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 putting on Easter readings at the Easter service on the 27th March.



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 be 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. Pupils will begin to learn about decimals and percentages and the relationship between the two, recapping fractions also. Perimeter, area and statistics will be two areas of focus also. All of which will be strengthened through reasoning questions.



In DT

The focus for DT this half term is to bake bread. We will be exploring different types of bread, planning and preparing to bake bread. The children will then bake, taste and evaluate their bread!

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 Christianity with this half terms focus on Easter and Salvation.



In Computing:

This half-term will focus on concept maps and databases. This will build on their learning from the previous half term and again will be facilitated through using 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 Science: In Science, the children will be learning about Earth and Space. This will build upon their knowledge of forces through exploring gravity and orbits. We will look at the other planets within the solar system and the role the moon and the sun have on our planet.



In History:

Our topic this half term is '1066+ A thousand years of monarchy'. The children will learn about the battle of Hastings and the monarchy during that time and beyond. The children will compare the role of the monarchy a thousand years ago compared to the monarchy of modern Britain.