

Year 5 – Miss Stockwell and Miss Kay - Newsletter

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Maths:

This term Year 5 will be focusing upon place value. We will learn about the relationships between the tables and begin to relate them to division. We will also learn how to multiply and divide by 10, 100 & 1,000 and apply this to converting measurements. We will focus upon efficient written methods for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We will be working on understanding fractions. In addition we will convert units of measurement and look at 24hr digital time. We will also look at Roman numerals and how to extend number sequences, including those with negative and decimal numbers.

English:

This term Year 5 will concentrate upon narrative looking at the book Harry Potter & The Philosopher's Stone. We will use this book to help explore different characters and to use them as a basis in our own writing. Furthermore we will continue to develop our reading and comprehension skills with inference being particularly important.

Year 5 will concentrate upon creating a variety of sentences and using a wide range of punctuation and grammatical devices. A big feature of our work this year will be applying the spelling rules and patterns we learn to our independent writing. Editing and improving their work will also be a key priority. We will use an approach to writing called 'The Write Stuff'. We will then study the book 'Journey to Jo'burg'.

Science:

This term Year 5 will investigate States of Matter and Properties of Materials. We will look at how these properties are suited to the purpose of the object and we will broaden our scientific vocabulary in order to describe them. We will also look at reversible and irreversible changes and investigate mixtures and solutions – linking our creations to our Harry Potter theme.

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PE:

We will be concentrating on a range of sports and skills in the Autumn term. We will begin with some specialist coaching in gymnastics and will also take part in athletic activities which will help develop our fundamental skills and set personal targets.

ICT:

Work undertaken in I.C.T. will be a mixture of new skills and using known skills for work with the Creative Curriculum. We will learn how to use graphical modelling and create a game based on our Harry Potter topic. We will also use technology to support our everyday learning.

RE:

The class will begin by looking at different holy books and how our beliefs and thoughts are shaped by these books. Year 5 will also look at Christmas and how it is portrayed in the Bible. We will find out that there is more than one version of the story.

Geography:

The first half-term the class will look at South America and in particular at tropical rainforests and biomes. We will find out about the countries that make up the continent and be able to locate these places on a map. The children will find out about physical and human geographical features of Brazil and of the Amazon rainforest. We will examine land use and some of the global implications of deforestation as well as exploring climate zones and biomes

History:

In the second part of the Autumn Term we will be looking at 'Why Britain should be ashamed of slavery'. We will look at Britain's involvement in the slave trade, the impact it had then and for future generations and what Britain has done since. There will also be meaningful links to our 'Journey to Jo'burg' text which explores apartheid in South Africa and discrimination.

Class Charity:

We will be supporting Friends of Townley Park this year as our class charity. Your children will be telling you how you can help them to help this brilliant cause in the upcoming weeks.

MFL – Spanish

We will be learning greetings, numbers and colours. The class will learn about how to ask questions and days of the week. We are excited to start our new leaning in Spanish!

Ideas to help your child at home

Please support your child reading daily at home – 15-20 minutes is ideal. Talk to them about what they have read – there are some exemplar questions on the website – and please sign their reading record daily. These will be collected each Tuesday and Thursday.

Spellings and times tables are key foundations for learning. It is vital that children practise them regularly. It is helpful if pupils can put their spellings into a sentence to give it meaning and they are expected to know up to their 12 x tables by the start of Year 5.

Homework will be given out on a Thursday and is due the following Thursday. Pupils can see me during the week if they are struggling with it. It is their responsibility to complete it and return it when it is due – this is a good habit to get into before Year 6.

Thank you for the support you give at home, it really does make a difference in school.