



Year 5 Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn Term (2) 2023: Miss Hesketh



Dear parents,

Welcome back, I hope you have had a rested break after our busy first half term. Our topic this half term will be Earthlings; within this topic the children will be studying the question 'What has earth and space taught us?'



Date for your diary – parents/carers/grandparents etc. are invited to our **Year 5 Assembly on Friday 17th November**. This will be held in the school hall and will start at 9.00am (it should be finished around 9.30am).

Religious Education - Come and See:

We will continue our topic on Life Choices and then we will start our new topic on Advent.

In our topic on 'Advent: Hope' we will know and understand the following:

Waiting hopefully – **Explore**

Advent is the Church's season of waiting in joyful hope for the coming of Jesus, the promised One, at Christmas and at the end of time – **Reveal**

Acquire the skills of assimilation, celebration and application of the above – **Respond**

PSHE: Pupils will explore the question: What decisions can people make with money? This unit of work will be based around living in the wider world. We have already covered quite a lot of this with our Money Matters work with Mr Suitor last half term and will continue this throughout the year. Before this unit of work, we will finish our unit of work from last half term on 'First Aid'.

English:

Information Booklets – During this unit we will revisit some of the non-fiction text types and examine how these are used together to create information booklets. The children will then write and create their own information booklet about the solar system.

Poems with a structure – The children will be listening to and discussing a range of limericks and will write and perform their own limericks on the theme of space.

Science Fiction Stories – During this topic we will be reading, exploring and creating our own story based on 'Time Spinner' by Roy Apps.

Ongoing English: Vocabulary, grammar and punctuation will be taught within the English lessons. Whole class guided reading, spellings and handwriting will also continue.

Mathematics- This half term our key learning will focus on:

- Multiplication and Division.
- Fractions
- Daily arithmetic.
- Learn Its every other Friday.
- Times tables – ongoing revision and testing using TTRS at home and other activities in class.



Science: Throughout this half term we will be learning about 'Earth and Space'. The pupils will be looking at the following:

- The movement of the Earth, and other planets, in relation to the Sun in the solar system.
- The movement of the Moon in relation to the Earth.
- The Earth's rotation to explain day and night.
- We will also be exploring other facts, such as how long it takes for the Earth to spin around its own axis.

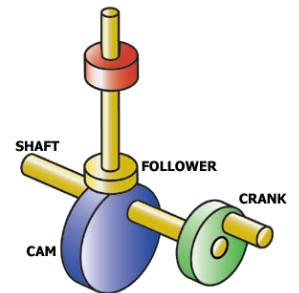
Music: Charanga – Jazz 1

The children will listen to and appraise the following tunes 'Three Note Bossa' and 'The Five Note Swing'. They will learn about the interrelated dimensions of music through playing instruments and improvising, as well as performing.



Art and Design: The children will explore drawing and painting skills. They will then use these skills to create and develop an abstract textured painting for their imaginary planet surfaces.

Design and Technology: The children will explore mechanical systems to create a moving story book scene.



Geography and History: We will finish our history unit of work on Anglo-Saxons and our geography unit of work on the United Kingdom.

PE: PE will be taught by Mr McVittie on a Wednesday afternoon. Please could you make sure your child comes to school in a full PE kit to ensure they can participate in the lesson.

French: French is delivered by Madame Russell on a Wednesday afternoon. Topics will include Extending Feelings, Lost at Sea and Christmas Stars.



Homework: I will continue to use SeeSaw as a tool for homework this half term. Children will receive different amounts of house points for their homework tasks; I will award an amount based on the effort each child has put into their homework and the quality, not quantity.

Weekly homework task: Each Monday there will be a task set on Seesaw for the children to complete for the following Monday. These tasks will vary and link to things we are learning in class. The children will complete a range of the following activities: maths (often using MyMaths), reading comprehension or something linked to our topic work.

Reading: Please encourage your child to read for 20 minutes each day. When they have finished their reading book, they will need to complete a brief review on SeeSaw (spend no more than five minutes completing this). As some of the books are a lot thicker in the higher stages, we understand these will take them longer to read. Please continue to spend time listening to your child read when possible and ask them questions linked to the text. Books can be returned any day in Year 5.

Spellings: Spellings will be set each Friday and should be revised for a test at the end of the following week (Friday). These will be set on Seesaw.

Times Table Rockstars: Remember to encourage your child to keep using TTRS or other times tables games.

Notes for Parents

- Please ensure you read any correspondence sent by the school office or myself on Dojo.
- Any certificates and medals achieved which your child wishes to share are welcomed in our Awards Assembly on a Friday.
- Children are encouraged to bring a water bottle to school each day which should be full and then taken home each day to be washed.
- We continue to encourage children to bring a healthy snack at break Monday – Friday.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Miss L Hesketh (Year 5 Teacher).



With Christ, we live, love, learn and grow.