

Year 5

Autumn 2021

Welcome to Year 5

September 2021

Welcome back to Whitefield !

We hope you have all had a great Summer and are looking forward to the challenges of Year 5!

Mathematics

This term begins with a very strong focus on number work and place value. As mathematicians, the children will be building on their existing knowledge of the four operations and ordering and comparing numbers to 1,000,000. Please continue to help your children to learn their tables out of order as we continue to aim for quick recall. All children should be confident at recalling all their times tables facts up to 12x12. These will help them to access more complex mathematical work with greater speed and confidence.

English

As writers, we will be writing it lots of different forms, in both fiction and non-fiction. We will be carrying out a narrative character study based on a short film called Octopodi. We will also be reading the Micheal Morpurgo novel 'Friend or Foe' and thinking about how to create a balanced argument and non-chronological report. We will also be reading The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe to help develop our descriptive writing.

In Year 5, we will be working hard to develop our grammar and punctuation skills and, as always, improving our spelling strategies.

Curriculum

As historians, we will be carrying out an in-depth study of the Ancient Greek period.

As geographers, and people who want to learn more about the world, we will be learning about latitude and longitude and using coordinates to develop our map reading skills.

As scientists we will be learning about materials and how their properties change and investigating forces.

During computing, we will be looking at online safety and coding.

In PHSE our topics will be Being Me in My World and Celebrating Difference.

In Art we will be learning about formal elements - line, color, form and shape, value, texture, space, and movement.

In RE we will be thinking about: How do people decide what to believe? (Christianity) Why is it sometimes difficult to do the right thing? (Christianity and God)

In Music we will be looking closely at jazz and rock music.

Spellings

Spelling will be in the form of learning rules, finding words to fit those rules, finding the definitions, as well as lists of words to learn.

Weekly spellings will be posted on Seesaw every Friday and will be tested the following Friday.

The Staff

5HW will be taught by Mrs Williams with Ms Scott.

5LN will be taught by Miss Nuttall with Mrs Roxburgh.

Both classes will be taught by Mrs Iddon on alternative Wednesdays.

If you need to speak to any of us please make an appointment via the office.

Homework

Homework will be set on Seesaw rather than sending books home. It will be set on a Friday to be completed any time before the following Thursday, allowing time for us to mark and post a comment.

Homework will be rotated between Maths and English.

It is of high importance that children continue to read for at least 10 to 15 minutes **per day** as well as practicing their times tables and spellings **daily**. The children will have a times table test every Thursday and a spelling test every Friday.

Reading Books

Reading books will be changed once a week on a Friday (5HW) and Monday (5LN) Children can also read books on Bug Club and books at home. Please make sure that you bring your reading book into school every Friday so that it can be changed.

P.E

Our P.E lessons are on Tuesdays In these lessons we will be focusing on teaching multi skills, tag rugby, football and yoga.

Children are to come into school in their P.E kits on this day.

Most P.E lessons will be held outside. As the weather becomes colder and wetter children will need to wear joggers, trainers and maybe bring a change of socks and shoes.

Please make sure that earrings are taken out before coming to school and hair is tied back.

Snacks

We are currently unable to provide toast and snack for children in Years 3-6 so they need to bring in their own healthy snack that is separate to their packed lunch.

Times

Our classroom doors open at 8.50am. Make sure you are in school for 9am! At the end of the day we open our doors at 3.30pm.

If you want your child to walk home, you will need to contact the office.