



Year 5 Curriculum Newsletter Summer 1



Dear Parents,

We hope that you had a great Easter holiday! The children have really wowed us with the quality of the work they produced in the past two terms and we look forward to seeing this continue in the final term of Year 5.

Curriculum

Our topic focus for this next half term will be History where the children will answer the enquiry question, 'What impact did the Romans have on Britain?' We will endeavour to link as much learning as possible in other subjects to this topic.

English

Our English work will mainly be linked to our Romans topic. The children will enjoy reading the class text Roman Invasion and writing a range of fiction and non-fiction genres based on this. Spelling, punctuation and grammar will continue to be of high importance within the daily English lessons with objectives from previous year groups constantly rehearsed alongside the teaching of new material. In designated spelling sessions, children will explore common spelling patterns as well as learn words from the statutory spelling lists. Daily guided reading lessons will give children the opportunity to practise key skills such as retrieval and inference through a wide range of fiction and non-fiction text types and poetry. Children also read for pleasure as part of daily DEAR Time (Drop Everything and Read) where they have the chance to quietly enjoy their own reading book or explore an educational newspaper, poetry book or topic book.

Maths

Maths will follow the White Rose framework and the children will experience a range of fluency questions, reasoning and problem-solving activities and investigations. Geometry is the main focus of learning during this half term and children will deepen their understanding of 2D and 3D shapes, learn how to measure and draw angles using a protractor, and calculate missing lengths and angles. Children will also consolidate work already done on decimals by multiplying, dividing, adding and subtracting decimals (including within word problems.) A solid understanding of times tables facts (including related division facts) is key to success in all areas of the Maths curriculum so any support you can give your child with securing their knowledge of times tables would benefit them greatly in school.

Science

Our Science topic for this half term will be living things and their habitats. The children will be learning around the reproduction of plants as well as mammals. As well as this we will be covering metamorphosis with animals, for example the life cycle of a butterfly.

Computing

The Computing focus for this half term is two-fold. We will firstly explore animation, using Pivot Stick animator to create simple animations around a theme. Children will then learn about what makes a good webpage before creating their own linked to our Romans topic and editing it by adding text and images. The key messages of online safety will also be reinforced in discrete lessons, in Circle Time and across the wider curriculum.

History

Our History topic will be the Romans. We will explore the impact of the Romans on Britain, considering such aspects as why and when they invaded, the importance of the Roman army and what legacy they left behind.

Art/D&T

Art and D&T will be linked to our Romans topic theme. In Art, children will create Roman mosaics and in D&T, children will design and construct their very own mini Roman catapults!

Music

Mr Newton will be delivering the music sessions each week to both classes and has planned cross-curricular lessons focussing on composing and performing Roman marching songs, whilst also practising the ever-popular 'Eat like a Roman' song!

RE/PSHCE

Religious Education will mainly be delivered weekly in a designated RE assembly. This half term, the children will focus on similarities and differences between the major world religions. The theme for weekly PSHCE lessons is Healthy Bodies, Healthy Minds where we will learn about the importance of valuing ourselves through positive thinking, the dangers of substance misuse, and how to keep healthy through regular physical exercise and good hygiene. Weekly Circle Time sessions on a Friday will reinforce the key messages from PSHCE lessons. These sessions will also provide the opportunity to discuss such topics as how to manage conflict in real life and online, and children will also have a space where they can offer advice to one another and celebrate one another's successes.

PE

P.E. will take place every week (on a Friday afternoon) with sessions this term covering games (tag rugby and football) and athletics. These sessions will be outdoors (weather permitting). Please ensure appropriate footwear is worn to school. P.E will also be taking place fortnightly on a Wednesday afternoon taught by DFCoaching.

Homework

The children's homework will remain the same as previously. Maths and reading or writing with a focus on whatever we have been covering that week. We've found that the children completing this homework to a high standard have been retaining a lot more of the learning they have been completing in school. Thank you for your support around this.

Golden Time

Golden Time takes place on a Friday afternoon for twenty minutes and rewards those children who have followed our school Golden Rules throughout the week. Golden Time is planned for, with activities suggested by the children themselves.

Prime Time

Please make sure the children have a named water bottle in school for Prime Time. They may also bring a small healthy snack (fruit, vegetables or breadsticks) to eat during Prime Time if they wish.

We cannot wait for another term of fantastic learning in Year 5! Please view our Twitter feed on the school website to keep up to date with current learning and events.

Year 5 team