



Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 5 have made an excellent start to the year. Below is an outline of the learning you can expect your child to be complete over the Autumn term.

English

In English, we began by looking at legends and persuasive texts in the first half term. After half term, the focus is on stories with a historical setting, films and playscripts. The children will also listen to and discuss classic narrative poetry and have the opportunity to write and present their own classic narrative poems.

Guided reading/ reading for pleasure sessions will take place throughout the week.

Maths

In Maths will continue to follow the Power Maths scheme, as implemented by school last year. The children will start the year by focusing on place value (numbers to 100 000), addition and subtraction and handling data in graphs and tables. They will then move on to work on multiplication and division and a unit on measure which will focus on area and perimeter.

Religious Education (RE)

In the first half term, Year 5 developed their understanding of How and Why Christians read the Bible- this work was linked to World Faiths and explored why sacred texts are important to people of faith.

The second part of the term focuses on “Christmas” and involves exploring how celebrations reflect the true meaning of Christmas.

Science

During the first half term, the children learnt about Forces and were able to investigate how unsupported objects fall towards the Earth because of the force of gravity acting between the Earth and the falling object. They will also learn about the effects of air resistance, water resistance and friction that act between moving surfaces (causing things to slow down) and recognise that some mechanisms, including levers, pulleys and gears, allow a smaller force to have a greater effect.

In the second part of the term, they will develop their knowledge and understanding of Earth and Space and learn to describe the movement of the Earth, and other planets, relative to the Sun and each other in the solar system and describe the movement of the Moon relative to the Earth.

Computing

This term, the children started by looking at online safety and developing an understanding of what is acceptable online behaviour. After half term they will learn about coding and experience using a range of different inputs and outputs. The children will continue to follow the Purple Mash scheme which is still accessible from home. Please contact me if your child has misplaced their login details.

PE

Year 5 have PE on a Monday and a Friday throughout the Autumn Term – please make sure they come to school in their PE kits on these days. To start the year, we have invasion games and swimming. After half term, we will be moving onto a unit on Gymnastics. Swimming lessons will also continue each Monday. Please ensure your child brings their swimming kit to school each Monday.

History

This term the children will be developing their chronological awareness of events that happened during the Tudor period. They will identify where people, places and periods of time fit into a chronological framework.

And learn to describe links and contrasts within and across different periods of time including short-term and long-term time scales.

Geography

Year 5 will be developing their knowledge and understanding of rivers throughout this term. They will be locating and naming some of the world's most famous rivers. They will also be using geographical language to identify and explain key aspects, features and patterns as well as links and interactions between people, places and environments.

Art

This term the children will be drawing, this will involve experimenting with different types of lines. They will then move on to a unit on painting and research and produce their own work, in the style of Wassily Kandinsky.

Design and Technology (DT)

Cooking and Nutrition will be the focus throughout the Autumn term. This unit will be linked to our History topic and the children will have the opportunity to bake Tudor biscuits and bread.

Music

Year 5 have been learning about rhythm and pulse the first half term. They have been trying to detect the pulse (steady beat) and the rhythm of the music. In the second half term, music lessons will focus on composition and the children will explore famous composers and have chance to compose their own pieces of music.

PSHE

We will continue to follow the Heartsmart scheme of work this year. We began with 'Get Heartsmart' (learning about being kind to ourselves and others). After half term, we will be moving onto 'Don't Forget to Let Love In'. We will also be addressing these themes in our whole school and class worship.

Kind regards,

Mr Cross

Key Dates

Harvest Festival in church – 2nd October

Parent Consultations – Monday 16th October and Thursday 19th October

Finish for half term – Friday 20th October

School reopens – Wednesday 1st November

School Disco – Friday 17th November

Key Stage 2 Carol Service – Monday 11th December (1:30pm in church)

Nativity Performance – Tuesday 5th December and Thursday 7th December (both at 1:30pm in church)

Finish for Christmas – Friday 22nd December (2:00pm)