

Welcome to Year 5!

We are both delighted to welcome your child to Year 5 and we can't wait to begin teaching the exciting curriculum that Year 5 has to offer. We hope that the children are all raring to go – like we are! This term we will cover two terrific topics. Not only will we be journeying through space to learn more about our solar system but we will also be learning more about rivers and coasts which will include our trip to Daws Hall nature reserve. Then, after half-term as we gear up for Christmas, we will begin preparing for our fantastic production.

If you require anything from us, please do not hesitate to contact either of us via the school office or on our individual emails. We look forward to working with you to ensure your child has a great journey through Year 5.

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Rivers and Space

Throughout this term, we will be learning about rivers and coast lines looking at their key features and how they are formed. To do this, we will be visiting Daws Hall Nature Reserve and will take part in a wide range of fun-filled activities including getting into the River Stour: more details to follow soon. In addition to this, we will be learning about the solar system which will include learning about the movement of the Earth, moon and other planets in relation to the Sun and look at the rotation of the Earth to explain how we get night and day. These two topics will provide many exciting learning opportunities across the whole curriculum.

Homework

Guided Reading: Set: Monday Due: Thursday the same week

Maths: Set: Monday Due: Friday the same week

Guided Reading homework will be set via Google Classroom which we will help set up with the children in class. Maths homework will be given as a paper copy to be completed at home. They should spend no longer than 40 minutes on reading homework (in addition to any reading time) and 30 minutes on maths. Please continue to encourage your child to complete their homework and to ensure it is handed in on time.

To promote a love of reading, we would very much appreciate you continuing to read with, and to, your child regularly as it really does make a difference especially to comprehension and developing vocabulary. We will also be promoting reading for pleasure throughout the year through use of our book corners and teacher and peer recommendations.



Dates for your diary:

Thursday 26th & Friday 27th September: First aid & lifesaving workshop

Tuesday 8th October: 5H Daws Hall trip

Wednesday 9th October: 5V Daws Hall trip

Wednesday 23rd & Thursday 24th October: Parents evenings

Monday 11th – Friday 15th November: Anti Bullying week

Tuesday 10th December: Year 5 production

Guided Reading

Our weekly guided reading sessions are an opportunity to introduce children to a variety of engaging books and texts in a small group. Led by an adult, we develop understanding of vocabulary, deduction, inference and comprehension skills. If you would like to support your child with this task, reading and discussing the text with them would be beneficial.

English

The children will be given every opportunity to improve and showcase their writing abilities through a range of exciting genres including writing their own sci-fi narrative based around an alien, a biography of Sir Isaac Newton and an information text about rivers. They will be taught how to use colons and semi colons and there will be a focus on producing longer pieces of writing that are both cohesive and engaging.

Maths

We will broaden the children's understanding of place value by looking at numbers up to 1,000,000. An exciting new skill will be learning long multiplication which we will then apply to problem solving. We will also revisit Roman numerals and negative numbers. Towards the end of the term we will begin to focus more on fractions and decimals and the link between the two.

Computing

Throughout the term, the children will continue to build their understanding of e-safety, with a focus on online reputation and conduct. They will learn programming skills to create games and explain simple algorithms via the program SCRATCH.

Music

This term the children will be using glockenspiels and listening to and appraising a range of jazz songs. This term is also panto season so we will also be busy practising our songs, tuning up for our production.

RE

The focus this term will be on Christianity. We will explore the reasons why people believe in God and understand that different religions worship other Gods.. Then in the second half of the term we will discuss the Christmas story and why it is celebrated.

Art

The children will explore different papier mache techniques before applying their understanding to create paper from pulp. Then, using the layering technique over various armatures, the children will create an alien, using the work of Dan Reeder as inspiration.

PE

Our PE days are Wednesdays and Thursdays. Please make sure PE kits are in school for the entire week in case our timetable changes and refer to the uniform policy. Taking advantage of the warm weather, we will begin the term with athletics focusing on 80m sprints, long distance running and jumping (both high and long). We will then be teaching gymnastics followed by tag rugby and orienteering.

DT

The children will learn about bascule bridges and their mechanisms before designing and creating their own models, incorporating an electrical motor.

Life Skills

The key focus of Life Skills this term is teamwork and thinking positively about oneself. Through our zones of regulation work we will also be looking at how to self-regulate and how the brain develops.

Science

The children will be learning about space and our Solar System in the first half of the term which will lead into the second half where we learn more about forces. Linking into the river topic, the children will also revise the water cycle.