

## Welcome to Year 5!

Welcome back. We are incredibly happy to see the children and hear the classrooms alive with the sounds of eager learners. We are excited to introduce the children to some fabulous topics this year. This term we cover not one but two great topics, firstly looking at rivers and coast and then the children adventure into space in the second half of the term.

If at any time you need to discuss your child please do not hesitate to contact the school office or contact us on our emails. We will get back to you as soon as possible.

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The Year 5 team



## Terrific Topic

Through our geography lessons the children will identify the key features of rivers and coast lines and study maps to locate the key rivers of the United Kingdom. The children will also look at their ecosystems and the effects of pollution on the world's water supply. We are also fortunate enough to live close to lots of rivers so an educational day trip has been arranged for late September to the River Stour to study a river at first hand. There is nothing like learning 'hands on'. Details will be with you very shortly. For the second half term, Science takes over, as space is our stimuli. The children will be learning about the movement of the Earth, moon and other planets in relation to the Sun and look at the rotation of the Earth. This should enable the children to explain aspects of their daily life like our seasons and why we have day and night. Let's see if the children can think of a good acronym for the order of the planets too!

## Homework

Homework will consist of a guided reading task and a math's task.

Where possible these will be issued on our online platforms (Google classrooms and mymaths). When this is not possible, a homework book will be provided for written tasks.

Homework will be given out on a Monday and the children will need to hand this in on the Thursday of the same week.

If you need help with any of these online platforms please let us know so we can support you and your child, as homework is key to consolidating learning.

## Date for your diary:

W/C 18.10.21

Parents evenings  
(more details to follow)

16.09.21

First aid workshops 5G

17.09.21

First aid workshops 5Q

23.09.21

Dawes Hall River Day 5G

24.09.21

Dawes Hall River Day 5Q

(Details with you shortly)

01.11.21

INSET Day

16.12.21

Y5/6 Christmas disco

The Y5 Performance and Christmas dinner dates will be with you in due course.



## Reading and Timestables

Please continue to read at home with your child at least twice a week; it really does make a huge difference to all aspects of your child's learning, not just their ability to read books. Enjoy this special time with your children. With life being so busy nowadays, it can be nice to slow down and snuggle up with a book!

Equally, practice those timestables. The children knowing these also makes a huge difference to how readily they can access the maths curriculum at school. In year 5, the expectation is that the children know their multiplication and division facts for all the tables from 1-12. We of course will continue to support the children in class with this, but doing that little extra at home makes a huge difference. Little and often is a good strategy. Remember every little helps.

## English

The children will be developing their understanding of how to structure texts cohesively whilst looking at how to use vocabulary to produce written work that is both imaginative and well organised. The children will also revisit key year 4 technical aspects of writing to ensure they are fully embedded and this will enable them to further extend their understanding of sentence structures and punctuation. Through using our fabulous topics as stimuli, the children will write stories, persuasive letter, information texts and poetry to allow them to become more persuasive, informative and enaaina writers

## Guided Reading

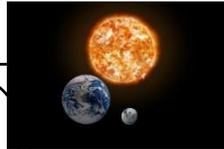
Our weekly guided reading sessions will introduce the children to a variety of engaging books and texts in small groups. Led by an adult, they will develop understanding of vocabulary, deduction, inference and comprehension skills. The children will receive homework activities on a Monday, which will need to be completed by the Thursday of the same week. It must be completed, as it will form part of the following week's group discussions. If you would like to support your child with this task then a great way of doing so is to talk through the text and ask questions.

## R E

The focus this term will be on Islam and Christianity. The children will explore the Islamic Revelation of the Qur'an to the Prophet and the similarities and differences between the Qur'an and the Bible. In Christianity we will be learning about the Christmas story and why it is celebrated.

## Science

During the first half of the term, when we are studying rivers and coast, we will use our knowledge of solids, liquids and gases to look at how mixtures are separated and filtered. In the second half we look at Space (details can be found on the front page of this letter).



## PE (Mondays and Wednesdays)

Remember, for outdoor sports, sensible supportive trainers are a must and as the days get colder please ensure your child has a warm tracksuit. If unsure, please look at the uniform policy for full details of what is expected.

Building on from the core skills taught in year 3 & 4, the children will play football and tag rugby, focusing on tactics and teamwork. They will share their knowledge and techniques as they develop their skills. Those that need to fine tune their basic skills will also be given the chance to do so in smaller groups. Indoor PE, in gym will allow the children to develop floor routines that are creative and cohesive, showing good control and precision. In dance we be creating dances based on music inspired by our space topic.

## Maths

The children will be consolidating their understanding of core number skills including place value and number facts such as multiples and factors, prime, square and cube numbers This will ensure that when they develop their written methods in addition, subtraction, division and multiplication they have solid foundations to build upon. The children will continue their journey with fractions linking them to decimals and percentages through open ended investigations and problem solving activities. Throughout the year, the children will have lots of opportunity to demonstrate their knowledge through fluency activities and just as importantly their ability to explain their understanding and reasoning. Of course the children will be doing all of this without forgetting the work we will also cover on shape, statistics and measure.

## Computing

The children will continue to look at e-safety throughout the term as well as studying Kodu to create landscapes and allowing the children to develop programming skills to create their own games.

## Music

The children will be using glockenspiels whilst listening to and appraising Jazz songs. The children will also have opportunities to improvise during this unit too. Don't forget the Year 5 Christmas production! We are really excited to get back to performing and letting the children show their artistic acting and singing skills.



## Life Skills

We will be discussing British laws, values and democracy. Then we will be recognising situations that provoke negative emotions and learning strategies to manage these positively. Throughout, we will identify where children can get help if needed and encourage this discussion at home.