

Welcome to Autumn Term 2

We hope you are well and had a lovely half term and are feeling refreshed and energised for the start of the new academic year!

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The Year 5 curriculum for the current half term is as follows:

Reading

In Year 5 we continue to follow the Destination Reader scheme. This term, we are reading Anglo Saxon Boy (Tony Bradman). In addition, children will also be reading books at their AR level, as well as having regular opportunities to read their library books, during quiet reading. Please support your child by listening to them read, questioning them about their reading, where possible.

Writing

We continue to develop the children's writing through Talk 4 Writing, which many of you will be familiar with. This half term, the children will write an information text, using our imitate text 'Canals' to support them with their independent application. They will be developing their punctuation (brackets for parenthesis) and grammar (cohesive devices and subordinating conjunctions) as well as learning the structure of newspaper reports. The text map and story will be on J2e. We hope you will have fun sharing oral learning of the story with the children. A great way to boost your children's writing skills and embed their understanding of the genre is to read and discuss a variety of information texts.

Maths

This half term, the children will be consolidating and developing their arithmetic and reasoning skills in the context of multiplication, division and fractions. We are following the White Rose Maths scheme, which encourages a deeper level of understanding and reasoning.

Geography

Our topic for autumn is Antarctica. The children will learn about climate vs weather; climate change and its effects on Antarctica and the world; the effects of global tourism as well as life in Antarctica. There are many books, videos and documentaries on the topic which are suitable for children.

Religious Education

We will be learning about Christianity and exploring the key question, 'Is the Christmas story true?'. We will be looking at verses from the Bible, as well as the nativity to compare and contrast different accounts of the Christmas story. Finally, children will use all they have learnt to create their own version of the Christmas story in a comic style story map. We also hope to visit a local church to speak with Mother Mitzi about the advent and the story of Christmas.

Physical Education

It is essential that your child has the correct school PE kit (including trainers) for each PE session. *We would ask that children come to school in PE kit on PE days (other than swimming, when they should have their full swimming kit with them).* The regular PE schedule for autumn 2 is

Turner: Wednesday (MUGA - outdoors) and Monday (gym)

Thompson: Wednesday (swimming) and Friday (gym)

PSHE

This term, Year 5 children will be learning PSHE through the Cambridge scheme. They will have weekly lessons, where they will be focusing on 'Myself and my Relationships: Family and Friends'. They will learn to recognise how their networks have changed and developed; have developed ways of beginning new friendships and of maintaining existing ones during times of change.; recognise and value differences between people and how that can be a positive aspect of their friendships.; have strategies for managing some of the pressures in relationships; understand the importance of groups within friendships and recognise some of the pressures which can occur in group situations. They will also know how to get support from people they trust and how they can support other people.

Science

This term the children will be learning about properties and changes to materials wherein they will be comparing and grouping materials based on their properties. They will also be learning about how dissolving and mixing are reversible changes.

Music

Children will continue to learn to play the ukulele. They will be learning strumming and plucking techniques. They will be composing songs using the open strings and learning music theory. Lessons are based in the music room.

Spanish

This term, the children will be learning Spanish by following the 'language magnet' programme. Each week they will learn a new aspect of Spanish language and culture through interactive lessons, activities and songs. This term they will learn about buildings on the high street; connectives; learning to ask where places are as well as days of the week and times of day. They will also be exploring Spanish stories and creating their own basic sentences about their likes and dislikes.

IT

In IT the children will use 'Ohbots' to program robots to use communicate using the if-then function.

Art

In art we will be focusing on the skills of painting, printmaking and collage. We will continue to explore or class artist in workshop style as well as other artists who also use these skills in their own art work.

Homework

Each Friday we will send out spellings for the children to be 'tested' the following Friday. We will also provide suggested home learning activities to consolidate their learning across the curriculum. If your child wishes to produce work surrounding any relevant subject taught in school and bring it in, this is always welcome.

Best wishes,

The Year 5 Team