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Year 5 Curriculum Newsletter

Spring 2 - 2022



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Key events:

24th February Clever Never Goes Assembly
2nd March 5EP Class Assembly
3rd March World Book Day
7th March Science Workshops
8th March International Women's Day
14th – 18th March British Science Week
14th – 18th March Parent Evenings
21st March World Poetry Day

PE

This half term Year 5 will develop their ball handling skills through games such as hockey, bench ball and netball. We will also be doing dance, which will be themed around the recent winter Olympic games.

PE coaches will continue to lead team sports during lunch time play (all welcome) as well as after school clubs if your child is signed up.

D&T

This term's Design and Technology unit will involve designing and constructing a wooden bridge. Children will first investigate which shapes lead to the strongest structures before deciding which style of bridge they will create. Children will be taught how to use saws and glue guns safely and properly. They will also be encouraged to consider how to improve their structure so that it can carry more weight.

Introduction

Welcome to Spring 2! We hope you have all had an enjoyable half-term break. Please read our newsletter to discover the exciting learning opportunities planned for this half term!

The Year 5 teachers are:

Mr Falk (Year Group Leader)
Miss Phillips
Mr Calnan

Support Staff:

Louise Hill
Ann Archer
Daria Durma
Jacky Western

Home Learning

Weekly homework involving Spellings and Times Tables will be given out. We follow the *look, cover, write and check* method. Homework will be given out on Fridays and expected back the following Thursday.

Please check that your child has completed their homework on a daily basis, rather than leaving it until the end of the week so that we can encourage understanding through practise.



Science

This term the children will continue to learn about properties and changes of materials. In addition to understanding why certain materials are used for different purposes, children will build a deeper understanding of properties such as solubility and conductivity (electrical and thermal) and investigate changes in materials that occur in the process of dissolving to form a solution as well as reversing this process. They will investigate different ways to separate mixtures and understand the difference between reversible and irreversible changes.

History

Children will be learning about the Kingdom of Benin in modern-day Nigeria. The Benin civilisation was at its greatest at the same time as the Tudors were ruling England. The Benin Kingdom was famous for its art and culture, particularly its infamous statues. Children will discover how European civilisations learned from the Benin culture and how it influenced European society.

How to support your children at home

We recommend a balance of reading with your child and making time for them to read independently. To support topics, children can use a range of resources: local libraries, weekend trips, online resources and information books to deepen their learning. Some online resources that may be useful are:

Trockstars.com Topmarks – Hit the Button
Mathsframe Ducksters Oddizzi



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English

We will begin this term by studying Lewis Carroll's nonsense poem 'The Jabberwocky'! This poem is taken from the 19th- Century story 'Through the Looking Glass' and will test children's ability to investigate prefixes and suffixes of nonsensical words in order to classify them into word classes and predict meaning. The unit will conclude with the children composing their own nonsense poem, which will include their own created words.

PSHE (Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education)

PSHE is an opportunity for us to discuss relationships with peers, making healthy choices and who to talk to if you're feeling unsafe or upset. We will be using a scheme of work called LifeSkills to guide our lessons this term. This scheme will explore topics such as peer pressure, smoking and strategies for managing stress.

RE

Children will be beginning a new enquiry topic this half-term. This investigation enables pupils to learn in depth from Christianity and from Humanism, a non-religious way of life. Our lessons will involve discussions about what a non-religious way of life means, both similar to and different from Christianity.

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Maths

Maths topics for this half term will include Fractions, Decimals and Percentages. Key learning points will include adding, subtracting and multiplying fractions and mixed numbers. Children will also begin to learn how to convert between fractions, decimals and percentages, which will be an important skill going forward. Maths lessons will include arithmetic practise, calculation skills as well as problem-solving.

Weekly Schedules:

PE days:

5EP – Wednesday and Friday

5JC – Tuesday and Thursday

5AF – Monday and Thursday

Please provide your child with a bag that fastens securely. All kit and bags should be named.

Please send your child to school with a bottle of water. They can use this throughout the school day, not just for PE.

Weekly library days:

5EP – Friday

5JC – Thursday

5AF – Wednesday

Computing

This half term, Pupils will explore how to use a micro:bit. This topic highlights the meaning and purpose of programming. Pupils create algorithms and programs that are used in the real world. They predict, test and evaluate to create and debug programs with specific aims: a simple animation, a polling programme, pedometer and scoreboard.

MFL (Modern Foreign Language) - French

This half-term children will be learning about 'The French-Speaking World'! Pupils will learn to give and follow directions in French and to use comparative language, which they practise as they explore different French speaking countries. We will also revise some past French learning such as numbers, greetings and days of the week.

Music

Children will learn to sing and move to some popular songs using an online resource called 'Charanga Musical School'. We will look at the composition, tempo and key of songs such as *The Fresh Prince of Bel Air Theme, Make you feel my Love, Livin' on a Prayer* and *Blackbird*.