

Year Five Newsletter

April 2025



Welcome back!

We are looking forward to the term ahead...bring on the sunshine!

English

During the first half term, our novel will be 'The House with Chicken Legs' by Sophie Anderson. Connected to this, we will write our own persuasive letters.

In the second half term, we will be reading the classic poem 'The Highway Man' by Alfred Noyes. We will be composing and performing poetry.

Following this, we will read myths including 'Pandora's Box' and use them to inspire our own writing.



Maths



During this term, we continue our work on fractions, looking at multiplying fractions and finding fractions of amounts.

We will also deepen our learning of decimals and percentages. We will be looking at understanding decimals, ordering decimals and recognising decimal, fraction and percentage equivalents.

In written methods, we will be continuing to work on all operations long multiplication and long division.

Computing

Our first computing topic will be 'Stop Motion Animation.' Children will develop their understanding of animation and plan their own stop motion video. In Summer 2, our topic will be 'Skills Showcase: Mars Rover.' We will learn how to identify and explain the fetch, decode and execute cycle. The children will create a safe online profile and explore 3D design software.

PE

This term our PE will be swimming. Swimming lessons will take place every afternoon, for two weeks, starting on Monday 22nd April. A separate letter has been sent out regarding this. If you have any questions about swimming, please ask and we will be happy to help!

RE

In RE, we will be exploring the theme of 'Transformation,' learning that the feast of Pentecost is a celebration of the gift of God's Spirit and its transforming power.

In Summer 2, our first topic will be 'Freedom & Responsibility.' Pupils will learn about God's rules for living freely and responsibly. Our final topic will be 'Stewardship.' In this unit, children will understand that the Church is called to be a steward of creation.

Spanish

Our topics will be 'A Trip across Spain' and 'Saving South America.' We will develop our knowledge of Spanish vocabulary through songs and games.

Art and DT

In DT, our topic will be 'Developing a Recipe.' We will research traditional recipes and improve them before cooking a product and designing some packaging.

In art, our theme is "Painting and Mixed Media: Portraits.' The children explore how a drawing can be developed by combining materials for effect. They will create their own mixed-media portraits.

History and Geography

The Tudors

Year 5 will explore the history of the Tudor period, and extract information about Henry VIII from portraits and written records. They will find out about Henry VIII's wives and justify their interpretation of Henry VIII using evidence from sources. We will explore a range of sources about marriage, power and punishment.

The Desert

In geography, Year 5 will be finding out about Deserts. We will describe the characteristics of a hot desert biome and locate the largest deserts in each continent. We will describe ways the Mojave Desert is used and explain how human activity may contribute to the changing climate and landscape of a desert.

Science

This term, Year 5 will begin by studying 'Unbalanced Forces.' We will describe gravity, air resistance, friction, water resistance and their effects. We will explain how to make an object aerodynamic or streamlined.

Finally, we will make links between all of our Year 5 science knowledge and skills by asking the question: 'Does the size of an asteroid affect its impact strength?'

How can I help my child at home?

You can help your child at home by:

- **Supporting them with their reading.**
Children should read at home every night. They should sign their diary 5 times each week. Please check your child's diary and sign it every week.
- **Supporting them with their homework.**
Homework will be given out on Wednesdays this term. Children should complete their homework and return it to school by the following Monday at the latest. If children have any problems with their homework, they should bring it to school and ask for help before the date that it is due.
- **Learning times tables and division facts.**

Children must learn multiplication and division facts off by heart. Being able to recall these facts rapidly enables children to solve a range of calculations and problems in their Maths work. Once learnt, they need to regularly practise the facts so that they do not forget them.

Music

Our first music topic will be 'Looping and Mixing.' In the following half term we learn about 'Musical theatre.'

PHSE

Our topics will be 'Rights and Respect' and then we will move on to 'Being My Best'

Thank you for your support 😊

Mrs Greveson, Ms Heys and Miss Carter