

Year 5 Newsletter - Autumn 2 2024

Dear Parents,

The children in Year 5 are now really settled into life in the Upper Juniors and are all working incredible hard!

English: This term, we are studying *The Tempest* and the amazing story of *The Odyssey* which the children are really enjoying. Alongside these texts, we will continue to refine our spelling, grammar, and handwriting. We will have a particular focus on reading comprehension and work on answering more advanced questions about texts.

Maths: In Maths, we will be working on fractions and square numbers as well as continuing to work on applying the four operations within the context of worded questions.

History : We will be learning about the Anglo Saxons.

Science: This term's science topic will continue to delve into the properties of materials, offering a deeper insight into the world around us.

Computing: We will be having a particular focus on staying safe online.

RE: We will study aspects of Christianity and explore why doing the right thing can be sometimes be challenging. Additionally, we will learn about Islam and the significance of the Qu'ran to Muslims.

PSHE: Our PSHE curriculum will cover families, friendships, relationships, and developing strategies for respecting ourselves and others.

French: We will focus on the topic 'Myself' through engaging games and songs to enhance our language skills.

Music: Music lessons will focus on rhythm and pitch within the context of playing the glockenspiels as well as learning some traditional carols for our Carol Singing trip to Booths.

Homework:

Reading: Reading books will be sent home daily. Children are encouraged to change their books as needed. Please continue reading with your child regularly, checking their understanding of key vocabulary and phrases. Sign the reading record to confirm the books have been read. Aim for at least 5 reads over the week.

Spelling: A Year 4 and 5 spelling list will be sent home. We will also work on these words in school and have regular tests. Children can earn rewards for improving their scores and a prize for spelling all 50 words correctly. Regular practice at home is essential, and using

Spelling Shed (at least 3 times a week) will greatly support their progress.

Grammar Arcade : Please complete games regularly.

Maths: Please continue to practice times tables regularly (at least once a week) to reinforce these essential facts.

PE: PE days are Wednesday and Friday. Please ensure children come to school in full PE kits on these days. For safety reasons, earrings should be removed or replaced with plastic ones.

Best regards,

Mrs. Bond