

Year 5 Newsletter - Autumn 1 2024

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Year 5! I hope you all had a wonderful summer break. It is an absolute pleasure to have the children in my class again and I am thoroughly looking forward to teaching them in Year 5. The children have settled in exceptionally well after our long holiday and are already demonstrating enthusiasm, politeness, and a keen eagerness to learn. It's already shaping up to be a fantastic year!

English: This term, we will dive into writing activities based on the book *The Man Who Walked Between Towers*, which tells the inspiring true story of Philippe Petit's tightrope walk between the Twin Towers in New York. We'll also explore the fast-paced adventure novel *The Good Thieves*, also set in New York. Alongside these texts, we will continue to refine our spelling, grammar, and handwriting. A particular focus will be on reading for stamina and expanding our vocabulary.

Maths: Our Maths curriculum will focus on place value, calculation strategies, and improving fluency, speed, and accuracy. We'll also keep revising times tables to build on the strong foundation from Year 4.

Geography: We will explore the features of UK cities, enhancing our understanding of geographical locations and their characteristics.

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

Computing: We will develop our coding skills and learn more about 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 'Our Home' through engaging games and songs to enhance our language skills.

Music: Music lessons will introduce Music Technology and develop our ability to sing in 2, 3, and 4 parts.

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.

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.

I am looking forward to a fantastic year with your children. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Best regards,

Mrs. Bond