



YEAR 5 SPRING TERM 1 NEWSLETTER

Happy New Year!

Miss Hull and Mr O'Dwyer hope you had a fantastic Christmas break and are looking forward to the year ahead!

English

Writing - We will start this half term by looking at the video stimulus 'Eye of the Storm'. Children will produce a narrative for the clip, focusing on speech to move the story along. Children will be using the stimulus to come up with their own imaginative ideas on how to structure the plot.

SPaG - Children will continue to look at SPaG through their writing units, in which they will learn key skills to enhance their writing. This will include relative clauses and parenthesis. Alongside this, children will also have a discrete spelling and handwriting lesson, learning key spelling rules and patterns.

Reading - You will be aware that your child has been engaging with the Accelerated Reader Programme; they will continue to select texts from the school library and will complete online comprehension quizzes before they change their books. Children can also read books of their own for pleasure.

The children will also have their 30-minute daily reading session to focus on key skills and test style questions to support their understanding of a range of texts.

PE - Each Tuesday afternoon children take part in outdoor PE sessions with their class teacher, this term the children will be learning and developing their hockey skills.

Music - Children will continue to take part in a fortnightly singing/ music lesson with Mrs Bradley.



Maths

In Maths lessons, we will continue to develop a range of mathematical skills. Initially we will focus on perimeter and area followed by multiplication and division including the extended method and the formal written method for both operations. These will then be linked to word problems. As the term progresses, the children will complete a unit of work on fractions, decimals and percentages. Our aim is to not only develop competent mathematics skills but to practise applying these skills in a range of different contexts.

Science - In Science, children will learn about Earth and Space. This will include the planets in our solar system and how the Earth rotates around the Sun and spins on its axis.



RE- We start the half term continuing with the unit of work 'What values are shown in codes for living?' Children will learn about lots of religions and how they live their lives to create their own code for living.

PSHE- During PSHE sessions children will look at a unit of work on 'Physical health and wellbeing in the media' by exploring what is meant by a healthy lifestyle and how adverts can be misleading.

Geography - In Geography, children will study 'Natural Disasters'. They will learn about the causes of volcanoes and earthquakes and how these affect environments and the people living in them.



They will also be able to locate areas in the world which have been affected using their map skills.

Art - In Art, children will be learning about David Hockney's work, who is considered one of the most influential British artists of the 20th Century, and will be producing their own landscapes in his style.

Computing - During this term, children will be completing data handling of information. They will then be moving on to creating vector drawings, focusing on position of shapes as objects, resizing and rotating. This links well to our Earth and Space unit of work in Science.

MFL - In French, the children will be completing the unit of work 'That's tasty', this will focus on healthy food and drinks linked to our PSHE unit of work 'health and well-being'.

Homework

It is extremely important that children continue to practice on TT Rockstars and Spelling Shed as often as possible. Children should also be reading for 5 to 10 minutes every day. In addition to this, we will set some homework over the holidays, focusing on our upcoming topic, this homework is optional but aims to get the children inspired.

How you can help at home!

- 5-10 minutes daily reading.
- Spelling shed
- Access 'Times Tables Rock Stars' at home.

Reminders

- We encourage children to bring a bottle of water and a healthy snack of fruit, vegetables or yoghurt to school. Snacks can be consumed during break times.
- Please make sure your child has the correct PE kit in school every Tuesday and Friday (i.e. black/blue/grey shorts or tracksuit bottoms/leggings and a white/blue polo shirt with pumps/trainers. No football kits or football boots). Pupils are expected to remove their own studs for PE lessons. If your child is unable to do this, please ensure that all jewellery is removed before the school day begins.