

Year 5 Newsletter

Spring Term 2017

Issue 2

English



The range of genres for this term consists of Victorian literature, debates based upon contemporary news issues, poetry, letters and recounts. We will be looking at the works of two significant authors; Charles Dickens during Victorian literature and Michael Foreman later in the term.

Children will also continue to work on the structure and content of their writing and consolidate their knowledge of punctuation and grammar. We will begin to explore the use of more complex punctuation, such as colons, semi-colons and brackets and children will begin to use these in their writing.

All children should have home/school reading books and we expect them to be reading on a regular basis. The children should be completing their reading bookmarks to document the books they are reading. These are to be in school every day but they can also be taken home to be completed.

Maths



During this term the children will build on their previous knowledge and apply their understanding to real life problems and carry out investigations. Mental calculation strategies continue to be a focus and the Maths lessons will contain oral and mental mathematics, working towards quick recall of addition and subtraction, multiplication and division facts and visualisation of numbers. We will also re-visit fractions, decimals and percentages and cover topics on 3D shapes, co-ordinates, angles, and handling data.

Science

Our first Science topic for this term is **Forces**. We will be learning about and investigating different forces:, such as gravity, weight, friction, air resistance, up-thrust, magnetism and elasticity.



After this our topic will be **Earth and**

Space. We will focus on the physics of the solar system, leading to an understanding of the relationship between the Earth, Sun and Moon.

Other Subjects

History

This term the **History** topic will be 'The Anglo Saxons and Vikings'.



The children will be discovering who the Vikings and Anglo Saxons were by looking at what their family life was like as well as their jobs and hobbies. The children will be looking at a range of sources, using their investigative skills to gain a better understanding of the beliefs and traditions of the Anglo Saxons and Vikings as well as understanding their influence on Britain.

Art

In **Art**, the children will have the opportunity to explore the work of British artists such as Thomas Gainsborough, Lucian Freud, Howard Hodgkin, Anish Kapoor and Sonia Boyce. They will learn to use different techniques and mediums in order to tell stories in pictures; paint landscapes; draw portraits and create abstract cut ups and sensory boxes.

Design and Technology

Our **D & T** topic for this term is money containers. The children will design and make their own purse/wallet.

R.E.

In **R.E.** this term we will be studying how God is represented in the bible and in various artwork, as well as Christianity around the World and the events leading up to Holy Week and then Easter.

Computing

This term in **Computing** the pupils learn more about communicating information securely through an introduction to cryptography (the science of keeping communication and information secret). They will investigate early methods of communicating over distances, learn about two early ciphers, and consider what makes a secure password.

Music

In **Music**, the theme will be "Aural Awareness", activities will cover listening to and extracting

information from a variety of music. The children will develop their musical skills so they are able to recognise, imitate and create music with certain features. They will also gain a deeper understanding of musical styles, genres and contexts.

French

Our **French** topics will include ordering food and discussing mealtimes, the alphabet, directions and journeys.

P.E.

P.E sessions for this term will involve hockey, dance, cheerleading. Children must have full PE kit in school on Mondays and Fridays to enable them to participate in lessons.



Other Information

Pencil Cases

Children need to bring their own classroom equipment to school, e.g. handwriting pen, rubber, pencil, colouring pencils. Can we also ask that every child brings a named **glue stick** and a **box of tissues** for the class as we use so many of these. Thank you.

Homework

Thank you for your continued support with **homework**. Children will continue to receive a Maths based homework and an English based homework each Friday, as well as spellings to learn. Please remind your child that homework is due in on a Tuesday.

Trips

Our trip this term is focussed around our Victorian literature topic in English.



Gunnersbury Park

5C & 5SH – Wednesday 1st February

5I – Thursday 2nd February

We are looking forward to a positive and successful term.

Many thanks,

Mrs Inman, Mrs Castell, Mrs Soya & Miss Hay