

Year 5 Newsletter

Autumn Term 2023

Issue 1

Welcome to Year 5! We are looking forward to a positive and successful year ahead.

English

During the first half of term, the children will read 'The Midnight Fox' by Betsy Byers and their English work will be based around this text.



Later in the term, we will be focusing on the famous playwright, William Shakespeare. We



will study 'Romeo & Juliet' in detail and will encourage the children to become familiar with more of his plays. The children will analyse the features of a good play script and identify literary techniques in poems and stories. We will also look at the graphic novel Tom's Midnight Garden to inspire them to create their own graphic text.



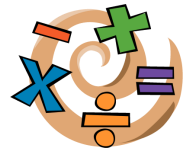
Throughout the year, grammar lessons will be incorporated into the weekly English sessions. These lessons will develop the children's understanding of the rules of grammar, punctuation and spelling. They will be encouraged to proof-read and edit their own writing for clarity and accuracy.

Maths

In Maths we will cover the following:



- Place value and partitioning
- Column addition and subtraction of 4 digit numbers
- Multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1000
- Factors and multiples
- Fractions and decimals
- Revision of time and money
- Understanding shape
- Geometry - recognising and measuring angles with a protractor
- Problem solving and reasoning questions across all operations and areas.



During Maths lessons, the children will develop their mental strategies and written methods for all four number operations.

Times tables are essential for all areas of the Maths curriculum, therefore we would like the children to know all their tables. Please continue to encourage the children to practise these at home.

Science

The topic for this term will be 'Properties and Changes of Materials'. We will compare and classify materials on the basis of their properties including hardness, solubility, transparency and conductivity. We will also use knowledge of solids, liquids and gases to

decide how mixtures may be separated including evaporation. Finally, we will look at reversible and irreversible changes of different materials.

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This half term we will be learning about Hinduism. The second half of the term will involve the study of Christianity where we will look at the theme of wisdom and also how art and music convey the Christmas story.

Other Subjects

This term's **History** topic is 'The Romans'. The children will learn about the Roman Empire in Britain and the Roman way of life. To enhance their understanding, we hope to have a Roman day during the term (date TBC).



Our **Geography** topic is Volcanoes where we will study their location, different volcanic structures and what extinct, dormant and active means. Year 5 also learn about Italy throughout the year. Both human and physical features of Italy are studied and compared to those of the U.K.



In **D.T.** the children will be designing and creating a Christmas decoration. In **Art** the children will be learning about art installations and how they can communicate a message. After half term, they will take a closer look at buildings and their design.

This term in **Computing** the children will learn more about online safety. They will also use



a graphics package to develop awareness of computer generated art. Later in the term, they will use Scratch to create an interactive picture using sequence selection, repetition and variables. Once completed, they will test and refine their code.

This term in **Music** pupils will study a number of key pieces of classical and modern music to find out more about the compositional techniques, instruments and composers behind them. They will participate in a number of practical tasks, based on the musical elements they discover, in order to experience the music in a hands on way.



Our **P.S.H.E.** unit of work for this term is called 'Being Me In My World'. Areas will include: my year ahead; being a citizen; rewards and consequences and Year 5 responsibilities and behaviours.

In **French** we will be looking at healthy eating and musical instruments. The children will learn about foods, healthy and unhealthy choices, singular and plurals, masculine and feminine. They will learn terms for musical instruments and discuss genres of music they like and dislike.

Lesson Equipment

All children should come to school with a pencil case and the necessary equipment for the day. This should include: a blue pen (ideally a rub-out pen and no biros), a whiteboard pen, a pencil, a sharpener, an eraser and a glue stick. Please ensure pencil cases are slim so they can fit into a classroom tray. We have a supply of coloured pencils and felt tip pens in school. *We would appreciate contributions of glue sticks and boxes of tissues.*

In **Outdoor P.E.** the children will be developing their skills in hockey this half term and netball in the second half term. The focus for **Indoor P.E.** is badminton followed by fitness.

P.E. Kits

P.E. is taught on a Tuesday and Wednesday. Children should bring their P.E. kit into school on **Monday**. They will bring home their kit on a Tuesday after their first lesson. On Wednesday, the children should come to school in their P.E. kit. They will wear their kit for the whole day. They do not need to bring school uniform on this day.

In addition to their basic kit, children require a pair of trainers. Plain navy blue jogging bottoms and a sweatshirt will be of benefit later in the term when the weather becomes colder. Your child may not be allowed to participate in P.E. lessons without a full kit, including shoes. Jewellery should not be worn and any new ear piercings will need to be covered if they cannot be removed. Please ensure

Homework

The children will receive Home Learning Tasks which will vary week by week. These tasks will be designed to support the children in securing their learning. Homework will be set by **Thursday** and (unless told otherwise) is due back by the following **Tuesday**. Please remind your child to check Google Classroom for information about the homework.

Diary Dates

Autumn Term

Harvest Pause Day: 26th September

Roman Day: 9th October

Year 5 Carol Service: 12th December

Spring Term

Gunnersbury House: TBC

Science Museum: TBC

Summer Term

School on the River: TBC

Hounslow Gurdwara: TBC

*Many thanks for your valued support,
Miss Tucker, Mr Pierson, Mrs Sinclair & Mrs Kelly*