



Year 5 Newsletter - February 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

A very warm welcome back to the second half of our Spring Term!

Our curriculum for this half term:

English – We will be doing a poetry unit based on the book ‘Moon Juice’ by Kate Wakeling. We will then move on to a new focus text: ‘The Promise’ by Nicola Davies.

History – Progressing directly on from our learning about the beginning of the Viking period in Britain, we now move on to learning about Norse culture. As part of this topic, we will learn about the saga of Erik the Red, and the Norse beliefs about the gods.

Geography – Our next topic is ‘North and South America’. We will explore the geography of these two continents, learn about the concept of population density, and we will particularly focus on the diverse experiences of people living in Brazil.

Science – Our next topic is ‘Earth and Space’.

Maths – We will continue with a second multiplication and division unit, before moving on to a second fractions unit. We will then move on to learning about decimals and percentages. You will find relevant activities on MyMaths to help support you to do further practice with your child at home. Please do also remember to refer to our calculation policy on the school website (for Year 5, scroll down to page 27), to see how we teach written methods. Click [here](#) to access it.

For children in all maths groups, we would continue to thoroughly recommend doing lots of times tables practice at home. There is an expectation in Year 5 for children to know all the times tables.

Religions and worldviews – We continue with our topic about making moral choices. We will continue to discuss morality and moral dilemmas, as well as explore where and who people look to for moral guidance.

Reading – We would really like to keep emphasising the importance of continuing to listen to your child reading aloud at home, even if they are able to read confidently independently. It is incredibly beneficial to your child in terms of developing their comprehension, vocabulary and ability to read with tone and expression.

Music – Our next focus is ‘Make You Feel My Love’ by Adele.

PSHE – We begin by continuing with our topic: ‘Family and Relationships’, focusing on stereotyping. Children will learn what a stereotype is, and how stereotypes can be unfair, negative or destructive. We will then move on to our new topic: ‘Health and Wellbeing’, in which the children will be learning to take greater responsibility for sleep, sun safety, healthy eating and managing feelings; setting goals and embracing failure; and understanding the importance of rest and relaxation.

Computing – We are continuing with our topic on music programming, using Scratch.

Design & Technology – We will be doing a D&T day this half term, in which the children will be learning about bridges. Children will identify beam, arch and truss bridges and describe their differences.

PE – The children will be continuing a gymnastics unit focusing on partner composition, they will also be doing a gymnastics unit on flight. Alongside this, the children will be doing a further games unit focusing on ball handling skills.

On their PE days, it is essential that children come to school in appropriate clothing and footwear. Shoulder length hair and longer must also be tied back. Children will have to miss their PE lesson if they are not wearing appropriate clothing.

Dates for your diary

5O Science Museum Trip – **Wednesday 28th February**

5B Science Museum Trip – **Monday 4th March**

5R Science Museum Trip – **Monday 11th March**

Year 5 Inter Colour Sports Competition – **Wednesday 6th March**

World Book Day – **Thursday 7th March**

Visit the Classroom – **Friday 8th March, 8:50 – 9:05am**

INSET day (school closed for all children) - **Friday 15th March**

Coleridge's Reading Bingo Challenge finishes – please bring your bingo card and any money raised into school by this day - **Monday 18th March**

Parent meetings this term will be taking place on **Tuesday 26th March** and **Wednesday 27th March** between 4-6pm online on SchoolCloud. More details on this to follow.

We look forward to another exciting half term!

Yours sincerely,

The Year 5 Team