



June 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the final half term of Year 5!

Our curriculum this half term

English – We will begin by continuing with our focus text, ‘The Dam’ by David Almond, which tells the real-life story of the Kielder Water dam in North Northumbria. We will then move on to ‘Twitch’, by M.G. Leonard, which is an adventure and crime solving chapter book!

History – We are continuing our learning about the second Viking age in Britain. We will then move on to a project focusing on learning about the history of our local area.

Geography – We are continuing our learning about the Amazon by moving on to learning about how the Amazon connects to the rest of the world – socially, environmentally, and through trade.

Maths – As always, you will find specific details on the Weekly Overview, which goes up on ParentHub every Friday, as well as relevant activities on MyMaths to help support you to do further practice with your child at home. Please do also remember that we provide maths activities, as well as games and website ideas on our Year 5 Maths Home Learning pages. This is aimed to be used to support your child’s learning at home if you wish to do so.

Computing – We will continue learning about data handling, and will then spend a whole day immersed in stop motion animation!

Religions and worldviews – We are continuing our topic: ‘Why are some journeys and places special?’, which focuses on the concept of pilgrimage. Through this topic, we will explore significant pilgrimages within different religions.

Science & PSHE – Our next science topic focuses on learning about changes in the human body as we develop. Towards the end of the term, there will be three lessons about puberty and the reproductive system. We will send you more details about these lessons in advance of teaching them.

Design and Technology – We will spend a whole day immersing ourselves in designing and then sewing our own stuffed toys!

PE – The children will be doing athletics and tennis this half term.

Transitions

This half term, we will also be preparing the children for their transition to Year 6. As always, the children will get an opportunity to meet their new teacher, and to have a story/ discussion session with them. Teachers will be talking to the children about preparing for the change, and what they can look forward to next year.

Year 2 Buddies!

A particularly lovely feature of this final half term is when Year 5 pair up with their corresponding colour Year 2 class. The Year 5 and Year 2 teachers work together to match the children up with a 'buddy', and then 'buddy sessions' are arranged. The purpose of these sessions is to help prepare and support the Year 2 children with their transition to the Junior side, as well as encouraging the Year 5 children to recognise their position as role models for the younger children within the school. The Year 5 children are supported and encouraged to embody our school value of 'caring' by being a considerate, kind and supportive 'buddy' to the Year 2s – getting to know them by gently asking questions, drawing and reading with them, and showing them around the West building and playgrounds. The sessions help develop the children's empathy skills; Year 5 are encouraged to check-in on their Year 2 'buddy' in the playground next year – showing awareness and understanding that this is a big transition for the younger children. These sessions have always been really enjoyable and beneficial for both year groups!

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 25th June – 5P Southwark Cathedral Trip

Saturday 29th June – Summer Fair

Monday 1st July – Friday 5th July – Healthy Living Week

Thursday 4th July – Sports Day

Wednesday 17th July – Parents evening (in-person)

Wednesday 24th July – Last day of term

We look forward to our final half term together!

Yours sincerely,

The Year 5 Team