



Curriculum Newsletter

Year 5

Autumn Term 1

In Year 5 we have been busy settling into life and the new environment at the North Site. By getting used to the new timetable, meeting new teachers and enjoying the extra space at playtimes.

English

In our writing lessons we have been working very hard on our handwriting to ensure we fully embed the correct letter formation and are able to join our handwriting correctly which is a requirement for all pupils to achieve by the end of KS2. Following this, we will be using a range of picture books, often linking to our humanities and science topics to develop our grammar and writing skills.

In addition, we have started our whole class reading text 'Safiyyah's War'

How can I help at home?

Reading at home with your child will help with vocabulary and comprehension.. Pupils should be regularly practising their spellings ahead of the test on Fridays. Displaying a selection of spellings at home where they will see them multiple times a day (on their bedroom door for example) can help them to learn the words by sight.

PSHE

This half term pupils will be learning to empathise with people in this country whose lives are different to their own and further their understanding as to how their actions can affect others.



Maths

Our first unit is place value, which includes rounding, ordering and comparing numbers up to one million and working with Roman numerals to 1000. The pupils will then be moving onto addition and subtraction. This will include adding and subtracting numbers with more than four digits, using the inverse to check answers and working with multi-step problems.

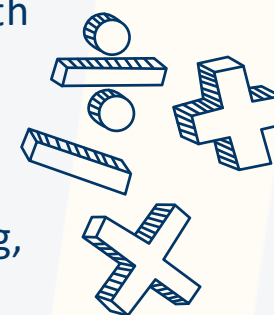
How can I help at home?

Practise times tables daily (TTRS, Numbots, rote learning, Hit the Button).

Roll a dice to make 4 digit numbers and then add them together.

Science

During this half term, we will be exploring our solar system and building our knowledge on this subject. Throughout the unit we will investigate seasons, moon phases, day and night and the relative sizes of planets.



History

Pupils will be studying Ancient Greeks by using a variety of different sources and exploring what these sources tell us about the past.



Religious Studies

Year 5 will be discussing what it means if Christians believe God is holy and loving.



French

In French pupils will learn all about food. They will learn the French words for a variety of foods and for meals. Pupils will give their opinion about foods that they like and dislike and will also learn about traditional French foods. Pupils will continue to learn the importance of gender when writing and speaking in French and develop their pronunciation through our French phonics programme.





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Year 5 have begun a Plants and Flowers topic. They will be drawing from observation, learning to paint with Watercolours and look at the Artist Georgia O'Keeffe.

Design Technology

We will be learning how to use blanket stitch. The pupils will be creating a range of design ideas for a simple soft toy, which will then be finalised and their chosen design taken forward into the making stage.



Computing

This half term the pupils will be learning about e-safety. In this unit of work we will be focusing on how to check whether online content is trustworthy, how to keep personal information private and how, where and who to report concerns to.

Music

Year 5 will focus on developing pupils singing skills, their ability to understand and interpret lyrics, their listening skills and teamwork. They will be doing this as part of their progression to Young Voices.

Year 5 will also begin exploring a Piano project alongside this, looking at some basics of playing the Piano and reading notation.



Drama

In the first half term of Drama, pupils will be focussing on using and developing their characterisation skills and applying this to scripted work consisting of extracts from Matilda the musical.



Physical Education

In PE lessons each class is on a rotation of OAA, gymnastics and leadership. In game lessons, the rotation consists of netball, basketball, rugby and football.

