

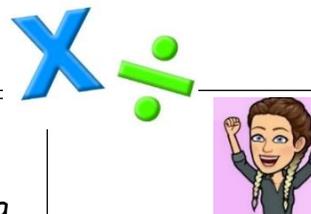
Dear Year 5 Parents,
I am so looking forward to all the new memories and learning we will create this term and in our final term! Our new, exciting topic is Ancient Greece and so we will have a big focus on this throughout our curriculum. This term, P.E is on a Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon. Please can children ensure they have their kit for these days and that it is fit for all weathers.

Mr Seaborne will teach the children on a Monday afternoon. He will continue teaching maths, SPAG, Science and ICT (moving to music soon).

Weekly home learning (homework) will be handed out on a Monday, to be due the following Monday, and will consist of three parts: being heard to read 3x or more to an adult if possible (please sign the homework book); spelling practice for the week's key words and a piece of learning for another part of the curriculum. In Year 5, children are encouraged to value their learning and so all children are expected to complete it to further their own education.

Thank you for all your support so far. Please feel free to email / call me if you have any questions about your child's progress or wellbeing. Mr Seaborne is free to talk on a Monday, and Miss Beer and Miss Lester, our wonderful class TAs, are always happy to help too.

Warm wishes, Miss Moore



Literacy –

We will begin our term looking at classic narrative poetry and will focus on the poem 'The Walrus and the Carpenter' by Lewis Carroll. Here, we will look into using poetic features (personification, similes, metaphors) and also create writing based on the poem, for example a newspaper article.

Our next topic is Myths and Legends - in this, we will internalise well known Ancient Greek myths which we can then innovate in different perspectives / genres before then planning, writing, and publishing our very own myth. We will learn the importance of selecting our grammar and vocabulary, describing settings and characters for effect and integrating dialogue. We will also focus on commas and our more advanced punctuation continually, such as colons, semi-colons and dashes.

Next term, we will continue our Myth and Legend theme, linking it to non-chronological reports and then learn to write playscripts, using Shakespeare as a model. Here, they will continue to develop their use of layout (headings, sub-headings, bullet points) and formal vocabulary. We are also continuously thinking about the cohesion of our writing and using devices to support this.

Reading

We are very excited to begin our new class novel, Crater Lake by Jennifer Killick. If your child has a copy, it would be brilliant to bring it in to read along in our daily story time! Each child will continue to be heard once a week and will also have a session complete a series of comprehension questions.

Thank you for your support in listening to your children read at home. This really helps to increase their vocabulary and help to foster their love of reading! We have a class of reading enthusiasts, which is amazing! Please find a list of recommended reads for children on our website.

Numeracy –

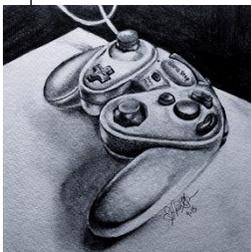
In maths this term, we are going to be mastering our four operations and their methods and securing our understanding on number and place value. We also will learn lots in our geometry and measure units.

We will be learning how to reflect, translate and plot co-ordinates in our geometry. Later learning about classifying quadrilaterals and distinguishing between regular and irregular polygons. The children will also learn to understand percentages and their fraction/decimal equivalence. - Adding / subtracting fractions. Moving to solving word problems and reasoning questions.

Mental maths is also a focus, and we will learn lots of strategies for this.

DT and art –

We will begin by learning how to sketch using texture and shade. This will progress into observational drawing, where we will finish by completing an art piece of a chosen mythical creature. The children will then use their oil pastel blending skills to finalise it. We will also be using these skills to complete an art piece for the Queen's Jubilee!



Music –

We are practising our Fresh Prince of Bel Air song and creating a song based on the Jubilee in this tune. Mr Seaborne will teach music in Term 6.

History Topic –

The children have thoroughly enjoyed learning all about Fairtrade, but now it is time to move on to our new, exciting topic: Ancient Greece! These lessons will take place during topic time, but also through art and literacy. They will learn a lot about Ancient Greece throughout the term, such as the location of Greece on a map, identifying features surrounding it. They will also put it into a timeline of historical events and learn about the government, city states, battles and Greek Gods. We will also use books and other sources to learn all about life for women and children in Ancient Greece and all the myths they had!

PE – T5

Athletics - In this unit, pupils are set challenges for distance and time that involve using different styles and combinations of running, jumping and throwing.

Rounders- children will be taught a range of skills to equip them for playing a competitive rounders game.

Term 6: Volleyball- Pupils focus on developing the skills they need to play continuous rallies in volleyball.

Maypole – as a team, they will practise the traditional dance of maypole!

PSHE-

In Term 5, we will learn all about keeping ourselves healthy, physically, and mentally. Looking at the effects of alcohol, smoking, a diet and our coping skills on our health.

Next Term, the children will be preparing for their move into Year 6 by learning how to cope with change. They will also focus on difficult changes, such as bereavement and family and friend changes.

Science –

This term the children will be learning about living things and their habitats. They will be looking at and comparing the life cycles of different insects, birds, amphibians and mammals. They will then be learning about the reproduction process of plants.

Next term the children will be learning more about the changes that happen as humans grow up, change and develop

towards old age

Religious Education –

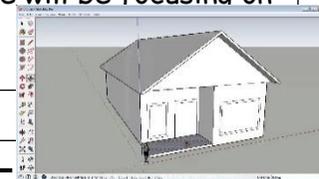
We are continuing our learning about Hinduism this term with this focus: 'Do beliefs in Karma, Samsara and Moksha help Hindus lead good lives?'

After May half term they will be learning what it means (for Christians) if God is holy and loving.

Information technology –

This term, children will practise using their computer skills to support their learning, including searching the wide web effectively, using the most efficient programmes.

Next term, Miss Moore will teach ICT and the children will use their skills to combine software to accomplish given goals. We will be focusing on the software Sketch Up.



French –

Miss Moment will continue to teach the children French every other Thursday. They are learning numbers, greetings and body parts through fun games whilst also revising over key vocabulary.