

Year 5 Class Newsletter

Autumn Term
2017

Welcome Back

I hope you have enjoyed your summer holidays. This year our TA is Mrs McConalogue. We will also have Mrs Murdoch teaching Science as I will be teaching Key Stage 2 Spanish and Miss Plant will be teaching PE.

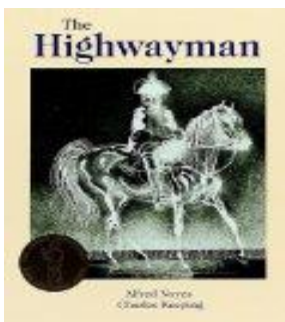
Maths and English

The National Curriculum will be taught in year 5 in preparation for the SATs at the end of key stage 2. Maths topics will consist of; number and place value, fractions including decimals, multiplication and division, addition, subtraction and measurement. Children will have a Maths problem solving lessons where they will use their reading skills and apply the mathematical knowledge they have learnt to solve the problems. This is a great opportunity for the children to engage in critical thinking by using reasoning to support their answers to Maths problems. The times tables will be also included into our weekly lessons.

In English, we will be covering Narrative – Traditional tales – legends, Non-fiction – recount and explanation, Poetry – vocabulary building and structure – cinquain. Grammar and punctuation will be taught through all English lessons. Spelling rules will also be taught in class.

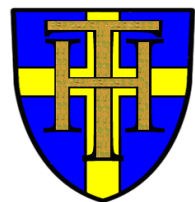
Topic

Our Topics for this term are the Highwayman and children's Shakespeare. These topics will have cross curricular connections to Art/ DT, Geography and English. We will also be learning about Bob Marley for Black History Month.



Important reminders

- Please make sure all items of uniform are clearly named.
- Any money sent into school must be in a labeled envelope.
- PE kit should be in school every day.
- Homework will consist of reading, spelling, maths and a project. Please complete the homework by the deadlines set.



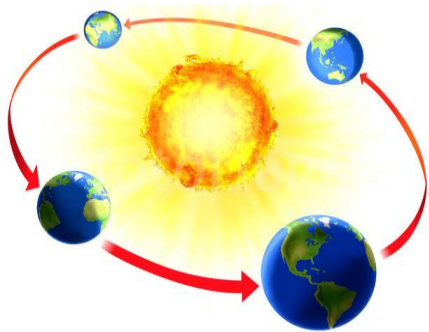
Our motto is:

Alta Pete – Aim High

"The primary aim of the school is to help each pupil reach his or her full potential so that they may develop the attitudes, skills and knowledge to take full advantage of the opportunities available in their future lives."

Science

Mrs Murdoch will be teaching Properties and Changes of Materials followed by Earth and Space. The children will be learning about the movement of the Earth, and other planets, relative to the Sun, the idea of the Earth's rotation to explain day and night, and how theories about the solar system have developed over time.



RE

In RE will be learning about Sikhism - How far would a Sikh go for his/her religion? and Christianity - Is the Christmas story true? .

PE

PE is taught on Thursdays by the PE coordinator, Miss Plant. **PE kits are required in school every day** as the days may change due to special events. All PE kits must be named. We recommend trainers and navy jogging bottoms to be included in the PE kits as PE may take place outside.

We have swimming this term at The Laura Trott Centre on Wednesday afternoons. Please ensure that your child has appropriate swim wear. **This includes swimming hats and trunks/swimming costumes.** Children are not permitted to wear shorts and bikinis.

Homework

□ Homework will consist of daily reading, weekly spelling, weekly Mathletics and a half termly project. Please complete the homework by the deadlines set. If your child is unable to complete the homework or requires support with it please do not hesitate to speak to Mrs Eddington before it's due.

Please ensure that your child is reading on a daily basis and sign their reading records. It is also important to engage your child in conversation about what they are reading by asking them various questions about their books; this encourages them to use evidence from the text to support their answers. Reading records will be checked daily to monitor the reading at home and the children not reading will be invited to read during morning break.

Children are encouraged to use Mathletics to compliment what they are learning in school and to self-reflect on their individual areas for development.

Spelling patterns will be taught throughout the week; words will be sent home and the children will be tested via dictated sentences.

Details of the topic homework will follow.

Trips

We have a Shakespeare workshop in school and a theatre trip booked for this term. These will be Shakespeare's Hamlet. We are also going to experience a Victorian Christmas at The Royal Gunpowder Mills. You will be notified of additional trips throughout the year which will complement the learning taking place.

**The Year 5 team – Mrs Eddington, Mrs McConalogue, Mrs Murdoch and Miss Plant.
Mrs Hart will be teaching computing.**