

Year 5 Class Newsletter

Summer Term
2018

Welcome Back

Welcome back to the third term in Year 5. I hope you have had a lovely Easter break (which seems a distant memory now) and are looking forward to the challenges and rewards the summer term

Maths and English

The National Curriculum will continue to be taught in year 5 in preparation for the SATs at the end of key stage 2. Maths topics will continue to consist of; number and place value, fractions including decimals, multiplication and division, addition, subtraction and measurement. Problem solving will be taught regularly, encouraging deeper thinking and mastery in maths. This enables the children to have a great opportunity 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 – Mystery / Suspense; Fiction from our literary heritage – the opera Maria Stuarda; Non-fiction – report & discussion; Poetry – vocabulary building – free verse and Take one poet - poetry appreciation. Grammar and punctuation will be taught



Topic

We have been learning about the journey from the bean to the bar. We will be learning about the Viking and Anglo-Saxon struggle for the kingdom of England to the time of Edward the Confessor.

Important reminders

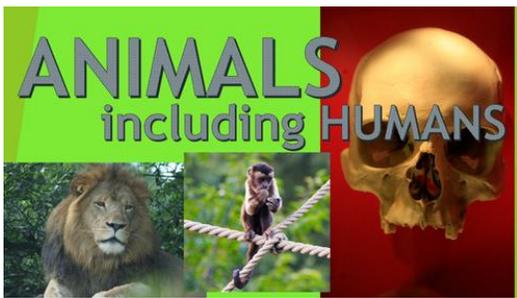
- Please make sure all items of uniform are clearly named to enable the quick return of all items of clothing.
- Any money sent into school must be in a labelled envelope.
- PE kit should be in school every day.
- Homework will consist of daily reading, Mathematics and a project.
- Children must read for at least 10



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



Science

Science for last term included Forces; the summer term will be 'Animals including humans'. Mrs Murdoch will be continuing to teach the science for the summer term.



R.E.

In RE will be learning about Sikhism; What is the best way for a Sikh to show commitment to God? Followed by Christianity: What is the best way

P.E.

PE is taught every Thursday by a professional coach for the summer term. Students from St. Mary's High will be teaching PE on a Friday afternoon. They will be supported by me and PE staff from St. Mary's. 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.

The topics to be covered this term are 'striking & fielding', 'athletics' and 'gymnastics'. At times lessons may be carried

Homework

As discussed previously, the children should be using Mathletics daily. **The children should continue to highlight the yearly maths overview I gave out and be using them to target their individual learning needs.** Mental maths results have indicated this is not happening by some. Please encourage your child to do this daily. Mathletics is a valuable resource of which we cover the subscription fees. Children are encouraged to use Mathletics to compliment what they are learning in school and to self-reflect on their individual areas for development.

Children have the option to attend homework club every Monday lunchtime with me. Ms Phillips also runs Mathletics clubs at lunchtimes.

Please ensure that your child is reading on a daily basis to enable them to complete the Accelerated Reader Quizzes. I monitor the progress weekly. It is also important to engage your child in conversation about what they are reading by asking

Trips

We attended a Bell-boating Regatta this week. Unfortunately we didn't win but the children enjoyed competing. We will be going to Dewhurst St Mary's Primary School to watch the opera of Maria Stuarda on the 4th July. We will also be camping out on the school field on Friday 13th July. Further information will be sent out nearer the time.

We are looking forward to a great summer term, Mrs Eddington,

Mrs McClellan and Mrs Murdoch