

Year 5 Newsletter



Term 3 (2022/2023)

News

Welcome back to term 3! We hope you had a restful break over the Christmas holidays and that the children are as excited as we are about everything that we will be learning this term.

One of the values we will be exploring with the children, in particular, this term is positivity. We recognise that having a positive attitude towards all aspects of school life is vital to being successful. This includes greeting others with a smile every morning, speaking kindly and respectfully to everyone and learning from our mistakes.

Our PUPAC values

Passion



Urgency



Positivity



Aspiration

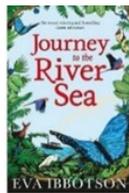


Commitment



Reading

In year 5, we will be reading 'Journey to the River Sea' by Eva Ibbotson. This is a fantastic book that will take the children on a journey of discovery of the wonders of the rainforest. In our context sessions, we will also be discussing English aristocracy, rubber plantations and women's suffrage in order to better understand our text.



Writing

During term 3, we will be exploring different genres of poetry. These include examples of poetry such as haikus, sonnets, acrostic and free verse poems. The children will also be investigating linguistic devices to aid descriptive writing such as similes and metaphors, and also features of poems such as rhyming couplets. The children will be supported to read, analyse and write their own descriptive poem, which will be shared with the class in a performance.

Maths

In maths, we will begin by manipulating lines and shapes by learning about reflection and how to move objects around coordinate grids. We will then be returning to number facts to further develop our knowledge of factors, including multiples, prime numbers, and square and cube numbers. Finally, we will strengthen multiplication skills by practising the column and grids methods, as well as looking at division as the inverse of multiplication.

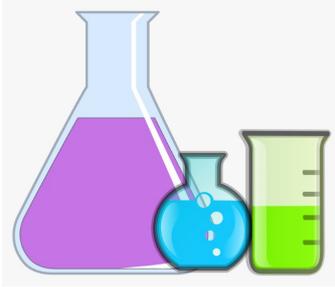
In year 5, all children are expected to know their times tables up to 12 X 12. As well as this, they should be able to use a range of written and mental methods to solve calculation problems with real life contexts.

Please encourage your child to practise times tables as often as possible; using Times Table Rock Stars is a great way to do this. All children have their own login.



Science

Year 5 will be learning about materials and their properties. We will be exploring how to group materials by their properties, as well as investigating solutions and mixtures.



Physical Education (PE)

The focus for PE this term is gymnastics. Building on our skills learned in dance last term, we will be exploring movement, balance and performance techniques, from the forward roll to the arabesque.

Children need to wear their full PE kit, along with their school jumper or cardigan, to school on their allocated PE day. Our PE day is Friday.

Spanish

This term, we will learn how to tell somebody the members, names and various ages of either their own or a fictional family in Spanish. We will continue to count in Spanish, reaching one hundred, enabling children to say the age of various family members.



Geography

This term we will be learning about South America with a focus on Brazil. Year 5 will be learning about the physical and human geography of Brazil and investigating what the four main causes of deforestation are.



Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education (PSHE)

Our PSHE learning is about what to do and how to help in an accident or emergency. This will include: how to treat cuts, burns and scalds; what to do if someone is choking; what to do if someone has an asthma attack or an allergic reaction.



Music

This term in music, we will be continuing our journey around tempo, note lengths and a variety of instruments, including digital sound. The children will be exploring several genres of music—from K Pop to classical—and singing and performing along to the music.



Religious Education (RE)

In RE, year 5 will be learning about the religion of Hinduism and what Hindus believe. We will start by exploring what gods Hindus believe in, before learning about what Hindus believe happens after death and how they believe that they should live.



Homework

Homework is sent home each **Friday** and is due the following **Wednesday**.

Please encourage your child to read each day and to practise times tables as these daily practice sessions have a huge impact on your child's learning.

