

# Year 5 Newsletter

## Term 5 —2022/2023



### News

Welcome back to school! We hope you had a restful Easter break. As we head into the last two terms of this academic year, we would like to say well done to all of the children for their hard work and commitment to learning this year.

If you do have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to speak to a class teacher at the end of the day or, alternatively, arrange a meeting or phone call via the school office.

### Our PUPAC Values

Passion



Urgency



Positivity



Aspiration



Commitment



### Reading

This term, we will be reading different variations of one of Shakespeare's most famous plays – Macbeth. The play follows the story of Macbeth and his wife. Both wish for Macbeth to become King of Scotland and won't let anything stand in their way.



### Maths

This term, we will use what we have been learning about measures such as time, length and volume to solve word problems. We will then be thinking about what fractions are, how to order these and how to compare one fraction with another fraction. We will also be learning about when fractions mean the same amount of something even if they have different denominators. We will then move onto to converting fractions into other forms such as decimals and mixed numbers.

### Writing

In term 5, we will be writing a text to entertain the reader; in this case, a 'finding tale'. This will entail using devices to create powerful imagery to captivate the audience, for example, metaphors, onomatopoeia, and personification. In addition, the children will focus on using punctuation features to enable them to create details to add depth to their stories. The children will build their writing toolkit to bring their texts to life and will consolidate their learning by writing exciting and suspenseful stories.

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

In term 5, year 5 will be learning about forces. Within this unit, they will learn what a force is, how friction works, as well as what air and water resistance are. They will be conducting investigations into how size affects the speed of an object falling and how shape affects water resistance.



## History

This term, the children will be learning about the Transatlantic Slave Trade. They will learn about when it began, what conditions were like in the Middle Passage, what happened to the slaves (including when they revolted) and when it was abolished. They will also learn some of the cultural consequences of the slave trade.

## Art

In art, year 5 will be learning about sculpture and painting. The children will make links across historical artefacts and modern artists to create a response using clay and producing paintings. They will also work on using slip and scoring techniques.



## PE

This term, we will be undertaking swimming lessons. These will take place every **Thursday**. Please ensure that your child brings the following items into school in a named bag every Thursday:

- Swimming costume/trunks;
- Towel;
- Spare change of underwear;
- Extra snack;
- Goggles (if necessary).

## DT

We will be having DT lessons every week to create a final product of a sling shot car. This unit will link closely with our science unit on forces. The children will investigate mechanisms and how air resistance affects the speed of the car.



## PSHE

In PSHE, will be looking at habits: healthy habits and not-so-healthy habits. We will discuss the risks of smoking and how this affects us, as well as the risks and effects of alcohol and drugs.



## Spanish

This term in Spanish, we shall be studying 'Desayuno Café'. The children will learn how to order a selection of typical foods, drinks and snacks from a Spanish menu and order a breakfast in Spanish. We will also perform a simple roleplay ordering food, drink and snacks in a Spanish café.



## Homework

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

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

