

Year 5 Newsletter – Spring 1

Successful Snowdrops and Outstanding Orchids

Welcome

Welcome to our Year 5 newsletter for Spring Term 1. We hope you had a restful and relaxing Christmas break.

Reading

In reading, we will focus on one extract each week, which will be a mixture of fiction, non-fiction and poetry. We will also complete one independent comprehension each week to improve our reading skills.



Writing

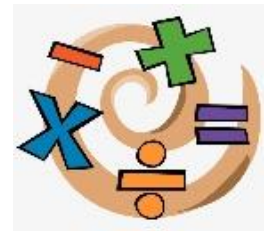
This term we will be focusing on different styles of writing. Our units will be based around the non-fiction book, *Water. Protect Freshwater to Save Life on Earth* by Catherine Barr and the picture book, *'The Tin Forest'* by Helen Ward and Wayne Anderson. We will be writing a persuasive leaflet and a character description.



Maths

This term's units will include:

- Multiplication and division
- Fractions
- Decimals and percentages



Alongside these units we will continue to work on our arithmetic skills (both mental and written).

Science

Our unit this term is called 'Earth and Space'. We will learn about our Solar System and use our knowledge of this to explain day and night, seasons and the phases of the moon.



Computing

This term in Computing we will be creating games. Children will plan, design and create the game environment and quest. They will share the game and complete both self and peer evaluations



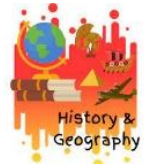
DT

This term in DT, children will be making a stuffed toy. Children will design and make a stuffed toy using a blanket stitch and a variety of decorative items.



Geography

In Geography this term will focus on oceans. We will discuss why oceans are important and how they are used and we will learn about the Great Barrier Reef. In the final part of our unit, we will learn about the impact that humans have on coral reefs and oceans and plan a fieldwork enquiry to investigate water pollution.



MFL

In Spanish, we will be learning how to describe where we live and which rooms we have and do not have in our homes in Spanish.



Music

Our music learning this half term is all about blues music. We will learn some features of blues music and begin to learn and practise the 12-bar blues.



PE

For PE this term will be dance on Wednesdays and tag rugby (outside) on Thursdays.



PSHE

In PSHE, we will be learning how to manage risk including online safety, the use of legal drugs, such as tobacco and alcohol and decision-making skills.



RE

Our RE unit is called Words of Wisdom: What can we learn from Christians, Sikhs and Muslims wisdom.



Enrichment

As part of our Geography learning, we will go on a local area walk to assess water pollution.

Homework Project



Weekly homework should include a mix of reading, spelling practise (Spelling frame) and maths



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skills (times tables/mental addition/subtraction). These should be recorded each week in their reading diary and the diary signed by an adult. This will be checked each week. If your child needs any additional practise with other skills, please come and speak to us and we will be able to suggest additional home learning activities.

Home learning project ideas related to this term's learning include...

- Science – research the International Space Station (ISS) to understand its importance to life on Earth.
- Geography - create a poster to show the impact of plastic on our oceans.
- Computing – children have access to Purple Mash at home, so they can continue to work on their game design knowledge at home.

If you do complete these or any other home learning projects relating to our learning this term, please let us know. We would love to see them!

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RESPECT

 FOR OURSELVES

FOR OTHERS 

 FOR OUR ACADEMY

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RESPONSIBILITY

 FOR OUR WORDS

FOR OUR ACTIONS 

 FOR OUR ACADEMY

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SCHOOL VALUES

RESILIENCE

 BELIEVE IN OURSELVES

CHALLENGE OURSELVES 

 LEARN FROM OUR MISTAKES

Rewards

The children will receive 'Dojo Points' as reward for good behaviour, work and attitude. The children will also be able to earn House Points for their new houses in our school, whilst also developing their characters.



ClassDojo

Class information

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Please remember to name your child's school jumper or cardigan.

Please remember if you are making your child a packed lunch, we ask you not to put anything in that contains nuts.

Dates for the diary!



Monday 5th January - INSET Day

Tuesday 6th January - School reopens to pupils.

Thursday 15th January - Book and Biscuit session 2.40pm

Wednesday 21st January - Whole school panto - Robin Hood

Friday 6th February - NSPCC Whole School Number Day- timings tbc

Monday 9th February - Mental Health Week - wear yellow

Tuesday 10th February - Safer Internet Day

Thursday 12th February - Valentine's Day disco - timings tbc

Friday 13th February - school closes for Half Term.