

WELCOME BACK

Year 5's Newsletter – Spring 1

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Welcome back!

We hope you all had a fantastic Christmas and we welcome you back to this new calendar year! We hope you are refreshed after the break and ready for a fun and exciting term of learning.

Creative Curriculum

Our new topic for this half term is history of Benin Bronzes. Children will be conducting research of the origins of the Benin Bronzes. They will be planning and having a debate on where the bronzes should be kept and whether they should be returned back to the country of origin. Both Year 5 classes will be going on an educational trip to British Museum to see and learn about the Benin Bronzes. By the end of the term children will be editing, improving and publishing their discussion text about the Benin Bronzes.

Science

Our topic in science is 'Forces'. We will provide children with opportunities to understand the forces that act upon materials and the impact that has on the movement of solids. This will include the pushes and pulls of objects as well as the resistance they face. We will then develop these ideas to discuss how these forces can be reduced on different materials.

Computing

As part of our computing topic, we will focus on developing the children's knowledge of programming. The children will learn many key aspects to programming software using 'Scratch'. Some of the key skills taught will include: debugging, composing algorithms, repeating patterns and using logical reasoning to assess effectiveness. By the end of the term, the children will be creating a game which their peers can play.

Mathematics

This term we will cover aspects such as: addition and subtraction of numbers with 5 or more digits, adding and subtracting fractions, Roman Numerals as well as key vocabulary that could include multiples, factors and prime numbers.

English

This term we will be focusing on writing an adventure story. To allow the children to become effective authors in this genre, we will be studying the text 'Stone Heart' by Charlie Fletcher. This will provide a high level example of what is expected within this topic. By the end of the unit, the children will have written their own adventure story based on their sculpture they have created coming to life.

Uniform

Thank you to everyone that has made sure their child has started the academic year looking very smart by following our uniform expectations. Please make sure your child wears their uniform every day, and all of the uniform has their name clearly on one of the labels. This is to ensure we can locate any lost items. Please also ensure that your child always has their PE kit for the appropriate days. During the colder months, they may wish to wear blue or black jogging bottoms rather than shorts.

Upcoming Events

5EB's PE Day – Tuesday & Thursday

5RB's Swimming Day – Tuesday

5RB's PE Day - Wednesday

History Trip – Friday 5th January

5RB Class Assembly – 12th January

Half Term Task

Make your own sculptures based on your research on the Benin Bronzes- you can choose any material to make your sculptures. Write an explanation (a plaque) to accompany your sculpture.



Homework

Please support your child at home with learning their times tables and doing the English and maths activities that we set for homework. Please remind your children to read every day and record this in their home learning book.

All of the children have an access to MyMaths login so that they can complete some tasks online.