

WELCOME BACK

Year 5's Newsletter – Spring 2

Welcome back!

We hope you all had a fantastic week off and we welcome you back! We hope you are refreshed after the break and are ready to have fun and continue your exciting learning this half term.

Creative Curriculum

Our new topic for this half term is art. Within this topic, the children will be focusing on the skills needed to make a sculpture. This will include: researching different sculptures, designing their own, building it out of a chosen material and painting their sculpture. By the end of the half term, the children will create their own sculpture that will be placed on their own version of the Fourth Plinth with a placard explaining the story behind their sculpture.

Science

Our topic in science is 'Earth and Space'. We will provide children with opportunities to work scientifically to plan different types of scientific enquiries to answer questions, including recognising and controlling variables where necessary and describing the movement of the Earth, and other planets relative to the Sun in the solar system. Children will be using the idea of the Earth's rotation to explain day and night and the apparent movement of the sun across the sky.

Computing

As part of our computing topic, we will focus on developing the children's knowledge of animation. They will be selecting, using and combining a variety of software (Green screen, internet services) on a range of digital devices to design and create a range of programs and learn skills to create animation.

Mathematics

In mathematics this half term we will be covering a range of areas. The children will learn to divide using a range of both mental and written strategies. This will help them as we look at fractions, where we will be finding equivalent fractions, simplifying them and performing calculations with them. We will also use this skill when we are finding averages when studying statistics, where we will also interpret graphs and data to find key information. In addition, we will study shape, looking at both 2D and 3D shapes. We will compare and sort them based on a range of properties and investigate the area and volume of these shapes.

English

This term we will be focusing on sentence structure, punctuation and contrasting character descriptions. To allow the children to become effective authors in this genre, we will be studying the text 'The Other Side of Truth' by Beverley Naidoo. 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.

Uniform

Thank you to everyone that has made sure their child has started this half term looking very smart. 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.

Upcoming Events

5EB Swimming Day – Tuesday

5EB PE Day – Thursday

5RB PE Days – Tuesday & Wednesday

World Book Day – 1st March

Maths Week – 5th – 9th March

5EB Assembly – 16th March

Science Day – 19th March

Year 5 Science Museum trip 26th March

Sport Relief – 23rd March

End of Term Task



In our creative topic, we have a focus on art. To consolidate the children's learning, we would like them to research a famous sculpture they have seen or heard of and write an information sheet about it. We would also love if they could create their own model of this sculpture that could be shown and celebrated within the class. We look forward to seeing some creative texts and sculptures! Please hand this in by Tuesday 27th March.

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 a MyMaths login so that they can complete some tasks online. Homework will be set on every Friday and needs to be handed in on a Thursday. On a Friday, children will also be tested on their times tables and their spellings which are set as part of their homework each week.