

Welcome to the Autumn Term in Year 5

This term we will be learning all about:

English

We will be reading, writing and exploring a variety of text types, including fiction, non-fiction and poetry. We will be developing our comprehension skills by analysing in detail, poems by the poets Charles Causley and Michael Rosen and the book 'Friend or Foe' by Michael Morpurgo. We will also be learning spelling patterns and grammar rules to help improve our independent writing. Group reading will take place daily and all children will read to staff and complete reading activities during the week.

Mathematics

We will be developing a whole range of mathematical skills, building on our previous knowledge of numbers, calculation, problem solving, geometry, measurement and the tricky area of fractions and decimals.

We will also be continuing to improve our knowledge of times tables, up to 12 x 12, and the division facts related to them.

Science

We will be trying to get our heads around the vastness of space in our first topic Earth, Sun and Moon as well as investigating and understanding how the rotation of the Earth results in day and night.

Our next science topic will be Separating Mixtures. We will investigate if and how we think a variety of different materials can be separated from one another and using some scientific techniques to try out our ideas.

ICT

In our 'We Are Game Developers' topic we will be learning how to create our own games by manipulating images and text in different computer programmes. We will also learn to communicate information securely and consider what makes a secure password.

RE

In RE this term we will be looking at commitments and meanings: What difference does it make to be committed to a religion

Cornerstones

We will be taking an imaginary trip to a fictional 'Alchemy Island' where many new materials will be discovered. We will develop our geographical skills to explore this and other islands from around the world.

Music

We will be continuing to take part in Rock It lessons with Mr Bough

PE

Topics this term include outdoor games, striking and fielding activities and gymnastics.

MFL

We will be learning numbers 20–60, discussing dates and birthdays

Important Information for Year 5

PE

PE kits can be kept in school each half term and will be returned for washing before each holiday. It would be helpful if girls who are likely to wear tights to school bring a spare pair of socks to keep in their PE bag.

Reading Books

Reading books need to be brought into school daily. Please sign your child's reading diary when they have finished a book at home. Pupils can also answer questions on iPads relevant to the book they are reading either at home or at school

Uniform

Please ensure that all personal belongings, especially jumpers and coats, continue to be named—even Year 5 clothing seems to go walk-about from time to time and it helps us to return them to their rightful owner as swiftly as possible.

Homework

I have set some I Am Learning homework for this half term based on Maths. It is a selection of activities linked to rounding numbers, addition and subtraction. There will also be maths and English worksheets on alternate week.

Maths Focus

Ours Maths homework this term will be developing times tables quick recall skills and to be able to identify the related division facts for each of the times tables we are focussing on.

Spellings

Spellings will be given out each Monday and the Spelling Test will be on the following Friday. They will be related to a spelling pattern or rule that we have worked on.

Dates For Your Diary

Week beginning 3rd October—Book Fair Week

Friday 21st October—Wear it Pink Day

Tuesday 1st November—Individual school photographs

Friday 18th November—Y5 craft and coffee

Week beginning Monday 28th November—KS2 consultation week

Friday 9th December—Christmas Jumper and Fun Day

Tuesday 13th December—class parties

Thursday 15th December—KS2 carol concert

Friday 16th December—non uniform/toy day

Year 5 Staff

Class teacher—Mrs Selvey

Classroom Assistants—Mrs T Cooper and Mrs M Daniel

If you have any concerns at all then please do not hesitate to come and see me.

I am always available at the end of the school day or an appointment can be booked through the school office.