

Autumn Term 2017

Watling Street School



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 12×12 , 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.

COMPUTING

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 going back in time with our topic 'Off with her head' where we will be learning about Tudor times, including the life of Henry VIII, the battle of Bosworth and Tudor buildings.

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

PSHE

In PSHE this term we will be looking at the topic, 'Me and My school' discussing British Values such as democracy within school council and how they can contribute and make a difference to day to day school life.

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

Purple Mash will be updated with homework termly, focussing mainly on our foundation subjects. The children will be given English and Maths homework every Friday. In addition to this, the VLE will be kept updated with the work that the children will be doing in the weeks ahead. Please take a look.

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 Friday 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

Important dates for the diary

Monday 9th October: We would like to request that Year 5 can come to school dressed as a Tudor. This will be part of our exciting entry day for our topic 'Off with her head'. During this day the children will learn about Tudor traditions, food, dance and music. Please take part if you can.

Friday 17th November: Year 5 Craft and Coffee morning, all families welcome!

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 Postings

Classroom Assistants—Mrs Whitehead

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.

Year 5 really enjoyed our global Learning week, where we enjoyed tasting food from India and painting Rangoli patterns. Take a look at some of our photos:

