

In Year 5 are Mrs Loft and Mr Edmonds are the teachers in Tolkien class. Miss Sutton and Miss Slater (a School's Direct teacher who will be working alongside Miss Sutton) are in Horowitz class. Mrs Wickers, Mrs Croft and Mrs Mark are our teaching assistants. All the Year 5 work is planned across the year group for continuity and progression. Below is an overview of what year 5 will be learning about during the Autumn term:



English: We will be studying a number of texts, including 'The Adventures of Odysseus' and 'Skellig'. We will consider a variety of different genres such as writing in role, creating myths, diary writing, newspaper articles and character descriptions.

Maths: Topics will include counting, partitioning using place value, calculating, accurate recall of number facts, measuring and understanding shape. Children will be encouraged to identify relationships and connections across the mathematics curriculum. Year 5 will be put into sets for maths.

Computing: We will be using Scratch to develop our coding and de-bugging skills.

RE: We will be studying Christianity including prayer, worship and Christmas. Year 5 will be leading the Christmas carol concert at St John's.

Explore and Discover: We will be linking several subjects together under the title of Explore and Discover. Our Autumn term topic is 'Eureka!'. We will study aspects of Ancient Greece and will bring the topic alive with an Ancient Greek Day (8th October). We will also be comparing and contrasting Brighton with a location in modern Greece. This will include identifying features on a map and comparing the weather. Mrs Wood will be teaching the children music on Thursdays. They will also continue to learn French. For more information, please see the curriculum overview on the school website.

Homework: Children in Year 5 are expected to read at least 3 times a week to an adult. If they do this 10 times in a term they will become a bronze, silver or gold bookworm.

They will take home their spelling books to complete a spelling activity which will follow a specific pattern that they have learnt in school. Please encourage your child to practise this pattern in different ways, including the *look/cover/copy* sheets that are handed out with the spelling book every week. The children's progress will be monitored by a weekly assessment (dictation). They will also be given Maths and English homework on a Friday for completion by the following Tuesday. Children who need extra input with homework can go to homework club during school on a Monday.

P.E: This will take place every Thursday with Mrs Johnson. Please ensure your child has their kit available and labelled to avoid confusion. Every year group will be taking part in the 'Keston Kilometre' where we spend 15 minutes (on the days where we don't have P.E. or swimming) walking/jogging/running around our brand new track located on the field. Please note, children will not need a change of clothing for this activity.

Swimming: Our swimming time is Wednesday afternoon. As always, we appreciate any parent help. Please let your class teacher know your availability.

How can you help? It is important to listen to your child read aloud and ask them questions about their reading. Children need to be encouraged to learn their times tables, as they support all their mathematical work in Year 5.

If you have any queries or concerns regarding your child, please make an appointment to discuss this with the class teacher.

We are looking forward to working with your children this year.

Mrs Loft, Mr Edmonds, Miss Sutton and Miss Slater.