

Year 5 Summer Term 2018

In the Summer term we will be covering the following:

English: Year 5 will be studying *Journey to Jo'burg* by Beverley Naidoo, a story set in South Africa in the days of apartheid. During the second half of the term will be focusing on the poem *The Highwayman* by Alfred Noyes. We will also use our Vikings topic to produce some non-fiction writing.

Mathematics: We will continue with these topics: number, calculations, securing number facts, measures, geometry and data handling. In addition we will be identifying relationships and connections across the mathematics curriculum. It is very important that the children continue to learn and revise their times tables up to 12x12, as these are useful in all areas of mathematics.

Science: After half term our Science topic will be 'Life Cycles', including the reproductive system of plants and animals.

Computing: In the first half term we will be using software like SketchUp to create simulations of 3d images. Later on in the term we will be exploring the Html computer language and creating simple web pages.

RE: The children will focus on how Christians put their faith into action, and learn about pilgrimages in different faiths.

Explore and Discover: This half term our topic is 'Invaders', in particular the Vikings. We will learn about the impact that they had on Britain, as well as thinking about their culture and religion.

PE: There will be swimming (Wednesday afternoons) and athletics/games (Thursday mornings). We will be attending a sports festival at Oasis Academy, Coulsdon on Thursday, 12th July (details to follow).

PHSE/SRE: We are focusing on healthy lifestyles. We will also be covering sex education and you will be invited in to school to view a DVD that we will be showing the children (date to be confirmed).

Homework:

Children in Year 5 are expected to read to an adult outside of school a minimum of 3 times a week. If they do this 10 times in a term they will receive a Bookworm certificate. We will continue to follow the Schofield and Sims spelling books. Please ensure that the short reinforcement exercise is completed at home and that your child learns their set spellings for a dictation on Tuesdays. In addition to this, children will be given further spellings to learn from the government's guidelines for year 5 children, to be tested on a Tuesday. Look, say, cover, write, check sheets may also be given to assist with learning spellings.

On Friday children will be given a Maths task for completion by the following Tuesday. Each week, they will also be required to complete an English task for completion by the following Tuesday.

General Information:

This term Year 5 will be setting up a Microsociety within the class. This involves looking at scarcity, currency, taxation, setting up small businesses, trading, government and accounting. If anyone has any relevant experience they would like to share, please come and talk to one of the Year 5 teachers. We will also be visiting Kidzania on 20th June, where the children will have the opportunity to try out different jobs/roles in society.

How can you help?

It is still important to listen to your child read and ask them questions about their reading. If you have any queries or concerns regarding your child, please make an appointment to see us. We are looking forward to seeing you at the Celebration Evening on the 16th July.

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