

Year 5 Spring Term 2019

In the Spring term we will be covering the following:

English: We will be studying the book *Shackleton's Journey* which tells the true story of Ernest Shackleton and his ambitious voyage across the Antarctic. This will be followed by 'There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom' by Louis Sachar. These books will give us the opportunity to focus on a variety of genres, including both formal and informal recounts (letters and emails, incident reports), flashbacks, persuasion, poetry, C.V's, arguments and speeches.

Mathematics: We will continue and deepen our understanding of numbers including negative numbers and rounding; decimals, fractions and percentages; calculating including long multiplication, division and the inverse; measuring; understanding shape and statistics. We will also identify relationships and connections across the mathematics curriculum.

Computing: We will be following the theme 'We are artists'. This will consist of work on tessellation and using ICT to produce work in the style of famous artists.

RE: We will study Islam, and the importance of Easter to the Christian community.

Explore and Discover: This term the focus will be primarily on Science topics. We will study the forces around us. Later this term we will also think about materials and how they can change due to factors like heat. We will also be going on an exciting trip to the Royal Observatory at Herstmonceaux in March.

PE: Swimming (Wednesday), Dance (Thursday).

Design and Technology: We will be making our very own kites!

Music: We will be singing, playing instruments, improvising and performing composing activities based on the music of ABBA. We will also use a musical vocabulary to discuss the music heard.

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 Brilliant 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.

Every Friday children will be given a Maths and English (comprehension or grammar) task for completion by the following Tuesday.

How can you help?

It is important to listen to your child read aloud, but more importantly to ask them questions about their reading. Children need to be encouraged to learn their times tables. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your child, please make an appointment to see us. We are looking forward to seeing you at Parents Evening.

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