

Year 5 Newsletter: Spring 1

Dear Parent/Carer,

We hope that you had a wonderful Christmas break and are well-rested. We are all looking forward to the next term ahead as we have lots of exciting learning planned. Our weekly spelling test will continue to take place on Fridays, with homework and new spellings being issued on this day too. The children will soon receive their Autumn 2 Learning Log, which will also be placed on the Year 5 page of the school website. Reading books should be returned to school on Thursdays so that they can be changed. It is important that your child is reading regularly with an adult at home and recording this on their Go Read account. We recommend that your child reads a minimum of 4 times a week.

Maths

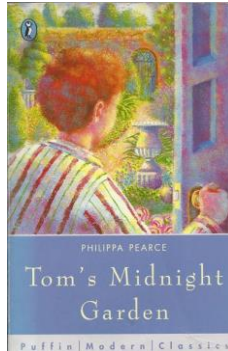
We will continue with our work on Multiplication and Division before moving onto Fractions later in the half term. We will be learning to use formal written methods for long multiplication and division. During our focus on Fractions, we will explore equivalent fractions using a range of concrete resources before moving on to converting mixed numbers to improper fractions.

English

This half term we will be reading the novel 'Toms Midnight Garden' by Philippa Pearce. We will look closely at the authors choice of language and gather a range of descriptive phrases. This will support the children in writing a setting description of the garden. They will also be participating a range of drama focused activities to support their writing of a recount in the role of Tom.

Art

This half term in Art we will be studying landscape paintings and focusing on the work of David Hockney. We will be producing our own landscape painting, using his work as inspiration, focusing on colour and texture. We will also be exploring the work of Monet and his garden paintings. This work will link to our class novel 'Toms Midnight Garden'



Science

As part of our Properties of Materials unit, we will compare and group materials based on their characteristics. We will also explore how mixtures might be separated, recognising reversible and irreversible changes. The children will understand why different materials are used for different jobs, depending on their particular properties.

Geography

Our Geography topic this half term is 'The Water Cycle'. We will explore how water exists in different states, water consumption and ways to be more efficient. We will also explore the effects of drought looking at Africa as a case study.

PSHE

In PHSE, we will be looking at stereotype, prejudice and discrimination within society. In particular, we will be exploring gender stereotypes that are portrayed in the media and wider world. We will also discuss the relevance of the 2010 Equality Act.

Music

In Music, our unit of work will focus on Old-School Hip Hop. In particular, we will be studying the song, 'The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air'. Here will be consider key features of the song and the children will have the opportunity to rehearse and perform.

'Our' Place in 'Our' World.

During our visit to the Yorkshire Water centre in Leeds, we will explore how to become more sustainable with our water use in helping to care for the environment.

Aspiring Entrepreneurs

We will be setting ourselves aspirational targets for the future during our visit to Leeds Beckett University. Here we will be speaking with students who will share their experiences of university.

Healthy and Happy Living

We will be learning about forming positive relationships and exploring the negative impact that stereotyping and discrimination can have on our society.

Inquisitive Investigators

We will be conducting a range of investigations in Science to understand that the state of materials can be changed when they are heated or cooled. The children will make predictions, analyse their results and draw conclusions.

Important information & Dates to remember:

- PE continues to be on a Tuesday. Children should wear their PE kit for school on this day.
- Children should be practising their times tables daily using their Times Tables Rock Stars accounts. This half term we will be continuing our interclass times tables competition.
- The Autumn 2 Learning Log is due on Tuesday 15th February
- We will be visiting the Yorkshire Water centre in Headingley later this half term to link with our Water Cycle topic. Further details to follow.