



Year 5 Autumn 1st Half Term NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to Year 5! The children have got off to a great start and are already working hard. Hopefully, you will find the information in this newsletter helpful, but please contact me should you require any additional information.



Curriculum Highlights

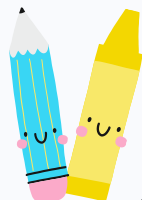
English

This term we will be reading *Skellig* by David Almond. A range of writing genres will be interwoven throughout the text, including persuasion, dialogue writing, informal letter writing, newspaper reporting and creating a balanced argument.

Maths

We will cover Place value in numbers to 1000,000, including comparing and ordering them and using powers of 10. We will cover mental and more formal strategies to add and subtract, multiply and divide 4-digit numbers, exploring factors, prime numbers, square and cube numbers.

We will also cover fraction equivalents, converting improper fractions to mixed numbers, fractions less than one, ordering fractions and adding or subtracting fractions and mixed numbers.



Science

This term we will be learning about mixtures and separation, and materials and their properties. We will explore different methods to separate mixtures and carry out lots of investigations to refine our scientific skills.



Humanities

In Geography, we will explore earthquakes, volcanoes and tsunamis. We will look at the reasons for natural disasters and how they affect life.

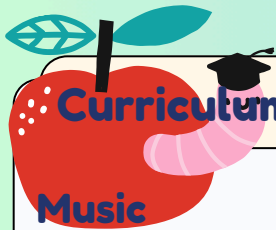
Computing

We will be learning about how to keep ourselves safe online. We will also explore digital systems and how they help us, such as Amazon lockers and zebra crossings.

French

The children will hone their French pronunciation through some French phonics sessions, then learn how to talk about life in the classroom.





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Music

In Music, we are using nature as the inspiration to develop our composition skills, learning to write and perform our compositions in different ways.

Art/DT

In Art, the children are exploring architecture, using buildings as a starting point to compose abstract mono prints. We will also explore the work of architect Friedensreich Hundertwasser.

PE

This term in PE we will be focusing on improving our fitness and using yoga to develop balance and wellbeing.

PSHE

The children will be learning to develop their friendship skills, becoming more aware of the effect of their actions, on others.

RE

This term the children will be learning about the beginnings of the Christian Church, and what makes us feel part of a group.

Events this term



The Year 5 Volcano Day will be a fun-filled day of volcanic activities! The children will have the opportunity to make volcanoes in various different forms, and explore explosive chemical reactions! They will also have the chance to find out more about historical volcanic eruptions.
Date TBC Venue: At school

Useful Websites



www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects

www.topmarks.co.uk (maths)

www.mathsbot.com (maths)

www.french-games.net/

www.bbc.co.uk/education/levels/zbr9wmn
(all subjects)

Home Learning

Homework will be set on a Friday, and must be handed in the following Wednesday. Please do not hesitate to write in the homework book if your child finds the level of work too hard/easy and it can be adjusted accordingly.

Please spend no longer than 20 minutes on each task. If it is taking longer, stop and write a note in the homework book, to let me know.

