

Year 5 newsletter

Summer Term

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the final term of Year 5! It does not seem that long ago that we were starting the Autumn term. We have many exciting activities planned for the final term, including some for you to join in with too.

Subjects and Topics This Term.

This half term, in English we will be studying some heritage literature, including Macbeth and The Highwayman. We will be looking at the language, story structure and how the characters are portrayed. We will be continuing our work on spelling patterns, rules and grammar.

In Maths, due to the fact we will soon be in phase 4 of the mathematics curriculum, we will be spending our time deepening our understanding and smoothing out any misconceptions from previous phases.

Please continue to help your child to learn their times tables off by heart. Times Tables Rock Stars has been a massive hit with the children and lead to lots of improvement. Whenever possible please practise basic mental maths.

In Art, alongside our Rivers topic we will be creating a sculpture showing the course of a river. We will also be looking at an established sculptor, Richard Long and how he uses the environment to create stunning sculptures! We plan to have a very exciting Art week commencing 2nd July. We will also be using printing to create a piece of Highwayman inspired art.

Our Science topic this term is forces and we will be investigating different types of forces as well as planning and carrying out fair tests on these. We will be investigating animal life cycles after half term. Our main topic in Geography this term is Rivers. During this project, we will be researching features of rivers at school then visiting Beaulieu Countryside Centre to explore a river in closer detail. There will be an opportunity for children to research other rivers of the world and to look at how we can have an impact both positive and negative upon the rivers around us.

During PE and Games this term, all classes are doing cricket this half term; 5K and 5P with Miss Luff from Henry Cort and all will focus on athletics next term. Our indoor PE is circuits and after half term, we will be working on a new dance.

In music, Mrs Mann will be exploring music at the movies and composing music based on "Connect It" from the BBC's Ten Pieces.

We will be exploring FMS Logo in ICT, to learn a different way of programming and making graphs using Excel.

This half term in DT we will be making bread, for which we will need a couple of parent volunteers when the children are actually baking the bread. We are also going to be looking at the different types of bridges. The children are going to be set a challenge to build a bridge that will hold a number of toys cars using only straws, paper and card! This is a challenge we hope you will join us for. In R.E we are looking in depth at the idea of God and different Gods.

Notices

Our trip to Beaulieu to study rivers is on Monday 2nd July for 5E and 5P with 5K on the 3rd July. **Wellies** are essential kit on this trip more information to follow.

There will be a parent open session later in the term where we will be asking you to help the children make bridges.

We will also need a couple of parent volunteers to help in the kitchen when the children make and bake their bread.

Thank you for your continued support,

The Year 5 Team