

Year 5 Spring Term Newsletter

Happy New Year to everyone in Year 5!

It has been wonderful to see all the children back after the Christmas break, and we hope that their amazing levels of hard work and enthusiasm will continue into our new topic this term!

English

We begin this new term with the children looking at formal letter writing. We will also spend time focusing on descriptive writing and exploring how we can use a range of figurative language to create vivid images for the reader. Additionally, we will be creating pamphlets to persuade readers to visit different locations. The children will continue to practise using writing features such as conjunctions, fronted adverbials, and relative clauses to make their writing more engaging for the reader. We're looking forward to reading their work and seeing how their imagination, combined with their new knowledge of geography, can come together to create interesting persuasive letters and pamphlets.

In reading lessons, we will explore a variety of texts linked to our topic. Reading greatly supports our children's writing, so we will continue to have daily reading lessons. These sessions will not only teach reading skills but also help identify words and phrases that can inspire our own writing.

Regular reading of a range of texts at home will continue to support learning in this area, so please make sure you encourage your child to read as much as possible. Children are expected to read at home at least three times per week, which then counts towards each class's reading scores! This reading could include newspapers, magazines, annuals, and manuals.

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Mathematics

This term, the children will develop their skills in many aspects of Primary Mathematics, including further practice with written methods for multiplication and division. You can continue to support your child by engaging them in everyday mathematical situations, including telling the time, handling money, and reading measures. We also encourage you to support your child's knowledge of times tables and make use of Times Table Rock Stars to improve their speed and accuracy in recalling them.

Science

This term, we will be exploring Space, where the children will learn about our Solar System and the motion of Earth and the planets. Later, we will investigate animals, including humans. The children will study the stages of human development, from infancy to old age, and examine different life cycles in the animal kingdom.

Geography

This term, we will study coastal erosion and the water cycle. We will then move on to compare how land use has changed over time and the reasons behind these changes.

French

The children have been impressing us all with their enthusiasm and ability in learning French. This term, they will learn how to speak about different habitats in our topic, '**Les Habitats**'. Please encourage your child to share their new vocabulary with you at home!

RE and PSHE/SRE

This term, we will explore the importance of stories in the Sikh religion. Closer to Easter, the children will investigate the Christian story behind Easter celebrations.

As part of our SRE lessons this term, the children will reflect on families and friendships. In the second half of the term, we will explore safety and the changing body, which includes our puberty topic.

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Key Messages

Children take part in two PE sessions per week. Please ensure your child comes to school in a full PE kit on these days, consisting of jogging bottoms and a school jumper/cardigan. As the weather turns colder, please ensure your child wears suitable PE clothing for outdoor sessions in chilly conditions. Earrings must be removed for PE lessons, and long hair should be tied back.

Please let us know if you have any further questions or queries.

Kind regards,

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