











Year 5 Newsletter – Spring 1 2022

Dear Parents,

Welcome back! I hope you had a fantastic break and are ready and raring to come back and continue our fantastic learning.

We are getting closer to the summer term and it is essential we are prepared for next year as early as possible. Your children have made an excellent start and I can't wait to keep working with them, to bring out their best potential.

All the best, Mr Tarrand and Ms Younis

 <p>English</p>	<p>This term, our author focus is Neil Gaiman. Year 5 have access to Neil Gaiman's books in the classroom and can read them at any time. We will also be doing some research about him, to find out how much information we can about him as an author.</p> <p>This would be a perfect opportunity for pupils to undertake their own research into Gaiman, at home.</p> <p>In our writing lessons, we will be writing a Poem, building on our existing knowledge of description and trying to create an atmosphere of decay! We will also be writing a narrative story of a finding tale, later on this half term.</p> <p>https://kids.kiddle.co/Neil_Gaiman</p>
 <p>Reading for Pleasure</p>	<p>Our class novel this half term is: The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane. It is a lovely story about a rabbit that goes missing and goes on a journey. With short, snappy chapters, the children will really engage with this book!</p> <p>Reading for pleasure is at the heart of our school, so we will continuously encourage the children to read at any given opportunity, especially when they have some free time. Please feel free to borrow the books from school and use the library at any given chance.</p> <p>My current book: The Midnight Library.</p>
 <p>Maths</p>	<p>Our Maths learning will focus on multiplication and division, statistics and perimeter and area.</p> <p>Pupils will also be working hard on their times tables and arithmetic fluency, so practising these at home will be most beneficial! We will complete an arithmetic test each week, to build up our stamina and familiarity with the structure. Please use this website provided to learn about any of the information needed to complete our units of work. All of the definitions and examples of what we do can be found using this website:</p> <p>https://www.mathsisfun.com</p>
 <p>Science</p>	<p>This half term, Year 5 will be learning about properties of materials, including different types of materials and how they change. The children will be given a variety of learning opportunities, including carrying out experiments involving dissolving things, thinking about temperature and changes to materials.</p> <p>BBC Bitesize is an excellent resource for learning more about materials when you are at home.</p>
 <p>RE</p>	<p>In RE, this half term, we will be looking at Being Modest and Participating. We will learn about participating in different activities and learning about being modest instead of boastful.</p> <p>Our focus Bible place this half term is The Red Sea. This was the setting of the Bible story where Moses parted the sea to escape from Egypt.</p>
 <p>Computing</p>	<p>Year 5 will be learning all about Creating Media: Editing Video.</p> <p>We will be watching videos and analysing what makes them good or bad videos. We will then record our own videos of ourselves and edit them, so that we can include text and music. These videos will be fantastic and I can't wait to share them with you!</p> <p>Online Safety is always a running unit of work, so please do ensure the children are being safe online and you know exactly what they are doing when using devices.</p>
 <p>Art</p>	<p>During Art week, the children will be exploring the drawing and painting in the style of the artist Georgia O'Keefe. We will also have our artist in residence Sue Guthrie teaching us for the next 6 weeks, building up to a final art piece for our Art Gallery.</p> <p>Please use this website for more information: https://www.okeeffemuseum.org/about-georgia-okeeffe/</p>
 <p>PE</p>	<p>This term, Year 5 will be working on Dance, in their lessons with Mr Browne.</p> <p>PE is on a Thursday afternoon, for which all children are expected to bring complete and appropriate kit – a white t-shirt, black shorts or leggings and trainers. Please also provide spare socks, especially for girls wearing tights.</p>
 <p>Music</p>	<p>Dimensions of music including pulse, rhythm and pitch will be explored through South African Pop this half term. Singing, playing instruments, appraising and composing music will also be integrated into Year 5's learning, this term.</p> <p>We will be thinking about the question: How does Music improve our world?</p>
<p>PSHE</p>	<p>In PSHE, we will be learning about uncomfortable feelings. We will be exploring what it means to have uncomfortable feelings and what strategies can be used to overcome them.</p>
 <p>Languages</p>	<p>Year 5's Latin learning, this term, will centre around the introduction of new noun endings. We will continue to look at reading Latin sentences and being able to translate them into English. We will also be continuing to look at the different parts of a sentence and how they are structured differently to English.</p>

Attendance

In order for your child to get the best out of school and maximise their learning, please make sure your child is **on time for school and comes to school every day**. School starts at **8.45am**. Thank you.

Homework

Children's homework will all be given via Google Classroom. If you have difficulty with your login, please do come and see us so we can help you.

As part of the children's homework, could I ask all parents/guardians to read to your child for at least 15 minutes every day.