

Broke Hall Primary School

Year 5 Newsletter Autumn 2023

The children have all made a terrific start to Year 5 and have settled into the new classes very well. This term our geography topic will be river and coastal systems and our history will be an overview of the achievements of Ancient Civilisations, which they will build on in later terms with depth studies of Ancient Egypt and the Golden Age of Baghdad.

English

We will be working on writing stories set in another culture, formal letter writing, poetry, first person narratives and balanced argument.

Maths

We will be looking at place value within 1,000,000, addition, subtraction, multiplication and division and the application of these in relation to problem solving and will also further develop their work with fractions. It cannot be overstated how much their understating of this will benefit from a sound knowledge of the multiplication tables. Please support your child to secure and embed this knowledge.

Homework

Homework is an important part of your child's learning. They will be sent home with a bingo-style homework sheet where they can choose activities which appeal to them. Additionally, they should read and rehearse the times tables regularly. Please note: we will no longer be using Spelling Shed for our teaching of spelling and we will not be sending lists home to be learned and tested as research shows this is not the most effective way to learn to spell.



Presentation

As a whole school we are working to improve the presentation of work. Please encourage this in your child's homework tasks.

Art and Design Technology

Our Art lessons have the aim of producing mixed media seascapes/underwater scenes. A reminder that children should have an old shirt or an art apron to keep in school for art activities. This needs to be named.

In DT later in the term, the children will be designing and sewing pouches to contain their belongings.



P.E. and Games

P.E. and Games will take place on a Tuesday (for all classes) and a Friday (5A only). Swimming this term will be on Wednesdays for children in 5B and 5JA (5A will swim in the spring term). We ask that earrings are not worn on PE days. If earrings do need to be worn, then the children need to bring in tape to cover them or be able to remove and replace them independently.

Reading

Our guided reading texts for this term include: Black and British, Journey to Jo'burg and the poem "Caged Bird" by Maya Angelou. We will also be developing general reading and comprehension skills.

Please encourage your child to read at least 5 times a week and record this in their reading record. This will be checked once a week. This can be recorded by an adult or by the child themselves.