

Year Five Spring Newsletter 2024

English – this term the children will be developing their summarising skills and writing a biography. They will also be revisiting genres they have previously learned about by writing third person narratives and formal letters.

Guided Reading – the texts will be: *Secrets of the Sun King*, *The Midnight Fox* and *Fly Me Home*. These texts will be complemented by specific reading skills lessons, focused on particular competencies needed for deeper comprehension.

Please continue to encourage your child to read and quiz at home.

History and Geography – Our study of the world this term is based on the hydrological cycle and ways in which we use and conserve water. Our history unit complements our previous overview of Ancient



Civilisations with a depth study of Ancient Egypt.

Art and Design – the children will be learning about the art of typography and using their own typeface designs to create personal maps. They will be using skills they have built up over the years to develop the concept for and realise a cam toy with a springtime theme.



Mathematics – We continue to develop our number sense with multiplication and division of numbers up to four digits by two digits. We build on last term's fractions work by learning to calculate with them. Knowledge of the number system is extended to include tenths, hundredths and thousandths and we begin to work with percentages. Measures (area and perimeter) and statistics (line graphs and tables) complete the Spring term maths curriculum. Previous learning will be continually recalled through "Magic Ten" sessions designed to limit forgetting over time.

Computing – Safer Internet Day forms part of our computing and digital literacy curriculum and we will also learn how to create and interrogate databases and spreadsheets.



Science – following on from the children's learning about forces in the autumn, the next unit of study is Earth and Space. The children will be lucky enough to use virtual reality to travel beyond our atmosphere and experience space travel from the comfort of the classroom. Properties and changes in materials will be studied in the second half of term.

Music – the children will continue with their violin tuition with Mrs. Waldock; will learn about jazz music and will learn to rap with the Fresh Prince of Bel Air!



Physical Education – this term, 5A will be swimming on a Wednesday morning. The other PE units will include dance and gymnastics indoors, and hockey and netball outdoors.

Religious Education – we will be learning about what it means to live and worship as part of the Jewish Community and later in the term will see how Buddhist worship and belief is important to followers of that faith.



Languages – the children will be increasing their French vocabulary and knowledge of grammar to talk about food and their town.

PSHE – along with the rest of the school, we will be reflecting on our Dreams and Goals as well as learning how to keep healthy in both mind and body. Our personal development will be enriched with regular “Stormbreaks”, which focus on mental and emotional wellbeing.

Thank you for your continued support regarding homework. This will again be in the form of a menu from which the children can choose activities which interest them. Homework does not have a set day to be in and can be given in at any time during the week. If your child is struggling to complete their homework, we hold a lunchtime club where it can be done.

The children have had a very positive first term in Year Five and we look forward to continuing this success.