

Year 5 Spring Newsletter - Term 3

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year! We hope you are keeping safe and well and your children are happy to be back with us at school for a brand-new term.

English	Based on our new book 'Letters from the Lighthouse' by Emma Carroll. This is a fantastic book based around the life of a young girl in WW2. We will be focusing on a setting description during the first part of the phase and looking at a different skill each week. This term, we will be learning about figurative language. We will also be using personification to create dramatization and revisiting sentence structures (simple/ compound/ complex).
Reading	This term in our reading lessons, we will be reading our new book, 'Letters from the Lighthouse.' We will be focusing on our inferencing skills, using PEE (point, evidence and explanation) to give more clarity and evidence to our questions. Children will be taught to make a point or a judgement on a character, select evidence from the text and then be able to explain this in more detail. This is a skill that children will be revisiting every term to support SATS preparation. Children will also be focusing on recording and retrieving information in the book and be taught how to skim and scan looking for key words and phrases in the text.
Maths	In the first half of the term, we will be focussing on multiplication and division to ensure that all children are confident in using the formal written methods. We will then apply these to our problem solving as we continue to develop our reasoning skills. Later we will focus on Geometry, discovering how to translate and reflect shapes accurately.
Science	Year 5 will be learning about properties of materials and what they are most suitable for. They will then be investigating thermal conductors and insulators and looking at which materials insulate a cup of tea best. We will also be looking at reversible and irreversible changes.
PE	In PE we will be covering netball. We will develop a broader range of techniques and skills for passing and catching. Children will learn how to apply the basic strategic and tactical principles of attack, and to adapt them to different attacking and defending scenarios.
Art	In art, we will be researching different printing artists and using two different types of prints (mono and block) to create our final piece.
Topic	In topic, we are focussing on geography skills through the topic Exploring Europe. We will be looking at rivers in Europe, the effects climate change in Europe e.g. flooding, comparing climate in different regions of Europe and finding out where our food comes from.
RE	In RE our big question is: Are Sikh stories still important today? We will be exploring the key features from the Sikh faith and learning about the 5 K's and Sikh Gurus.
Computing	Computing is all about Digital Literacy and Online Safety through our online reputation. Children will be learning how a network system can work around school and how to judge whether information online can be trusted.

Additional Information

PE

Year 5 PE is on a Thursday afternoon. Their PE kit should always be in school ready for use. Children will get changed for PE in their classes. Please ensure the correct clothes are packed and that they will be warm enough, especially as we will be doing PE outside during the colder months. A good waterproof coat will be needed.

Their kit should consist of a white t-shirt, dark blue or black shorts/jogging bottoms and trainers. Daps are ok but will quickly get wet if we are doing PE outside during winter, trainers would be more suitable.



No jewellery is to be worn; hair needs to be tied back and head scarves must be short and tight fitting. These are all to ensure the safety of your child. **If children wear earrings, they need to be able to take them out (independently) for PE lessons.**

READING

Listening to your child read every day will help them to improve their fluency and comprehension. They can read their own books at home and access Rising Stars. Reading comprehension is vital so they will need your support to help practice the skills we will teach. You can help at home by asking your child questions about their book after they have read such as 'How do you know he is angry?' or 'Why is she happy?'

HOMEWORK

Your child will be given three pieces of homework to complete on a Friday, to be returned by the following Wednesday. This will include spelling homework (which will be tested weekly), maths to recap prior learning and a reading lesson to be completed on Rising Stars.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to come and see us at the end of the school day.

Many Thanks,

The Year Five Team