

Year 5 Spring 1 Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you and your child have had a relaxing half-term break and are now ready to start the new term revitalised and ready for some hard work!

English	In English this term we will be focussing on writing to persuade. We will link ideas across paragraphs using a wider range of cohesive devices. We will learn how to use semi-colons to list features, attractions or arguments and imperative and modal verbs to convey urgency.
Reading	As well as reading every day, it is also extremely important to practise asking and answering questions about the text. Reading comprehension forms a prominent part of the curriculum in year five and we will practise the skills of answering inference, literal and author's intent questions. We will also be using Reading Eggs in our reading sessions. It is also important to access this at home to support with this. This term we will be looking at summarising, inference and find and retrieve.
Maths	In maths 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.
Science	Science this term covers All Living Things and Their Habitats . They will be able to describe and compare the life cycles of different animals, finding similarities and differences. They will describe the life cycle of plants and identify the reproductive parts of a flowering plant, then explaining how plants reproduce.
Music	This term we will be exploring tempo, beat and scales. They will sing in unison and in groups. Also, they will create accompaniments for a song using instruments.
History	History this term is called The Tudors. The children will be learning all about life during the Tudor times.
Art	In Art we will be focussing on drawing, making independent use of a sketchbook and working from a variety of sources.
RE	In RE our big question is: If God is everywhere, why do people go to a place of worship? The children will explore this through discussions and shared experiences.
Computing	In computing we will be learning about how to keep ourselves safe online and what to do if we are worried about anything we see. We will also design, write and debug programs that accomplish specific goals, including controlling or simulating physical systems.

Additional Information

PE

Please note that your child will need to have the correct PE kit in school **every day**.

Their kit should consist of a white t-shirt, dark blue or black shorts/jogging bottoms and trainers/daps.



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.

READING

Please listen to your child read every day as this will help both their reading and writing abilities. They will be bringing home a login for Reading Eggs which they have been given in school. They may also bring home a classroom book they have chosen themselves. Your child can also read books from home or from a library. Reading comprehension is a big focus 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 bring two pieces of homework home on a Friday, to be returned by the following Wednesday. This will include a list of spellings, which will be tested weekly, and either Maths or English.

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