

Important Information

CATs Day

Year 5 CAT day (Creative Arts) is held on a Wednesday, once a fortnight. Children have three sessions: Thinking Through Texts (with Ms Massey) Drama (with Ms Gemma) and PE (with Mr Szwaba). On these days, which commence on Wednesday 12th September, the children should come to school wearing clothing that is suitable for physical activities in drama. They will also be required to get changed into their PE kit for their outdoor PE lesson.

P.E.

Year 5 P.E. lessons will take place every Wednesday. The children will need to bring a P.E. kit to school containing a t-shirt, shorts/jogging bottoms, pumps/trainers and a jumper for cold days. Children will require their kit every Wednesday; please support us by ensuring your child is prepared.

Book Bags

Please remind your child to bring their book bag to school every day. Within their book bag they should have their spelling book, their reading book and reading record book. If your child does not have a book bag they are available to purchase in the school office.

Homework

In Year 5 we expect the children to complete the following homework daily:

- Read their reading book to an adult or older sibling. Please sign your child's reading record book and where possible, make a comment about their reading.
- If your child has been given key words, they should practise reading these every day.
- Practise their times tables, and make use of Times Table Rockstars.
- Learn their spellings ready for their weekly spelling tests.

More than anything, the best thing your child can do is fall in love with books. All children should now have a Newham library card, and we hope you will enjoy supporting them to read widely, follow their interests and to find the books that most appeal to them.

Your child will be given mathematics and English homework each week. This will be set by the class teacher and will be within the same book. The homework will be linked to the learning that has taken place in class that week and is designed to consolidate learning as well as extend and challenge the children further. Homework will be set on a Friday and should be returned on or before the following Wednesday.

We view homework as a positive opportunity to practise key knowledge and skills that are necessary for good progress. Whilst your child will not be punished for not returning their homework, they will be verbally praised and acknowledged for attempting it and we value any feedback regarding their attempt, as we will use those questions that are causing difficulties as teaching points in the classroom. Please speak to your child's class teacher if your child is having difficulty completing their homework.

Musical Instruments

Year 5 pupils have musical instrument lessons every Monday – they need their instruments every week, and should practise at home.

If you require any further information, please speak to your child's class teacher or to the Assistant Head Teacher for Years 5 and 6, Mr Walker

Thank you for your continued support.

Year 5 Curriculum



Autumn Term 2018

English

Children in Year 5 will begin their year by studying *Romeo and Juliet*. They will discuss the works of William Shakespeare, whilst studying a short version of the play contained in Marcia Williams' 'Mr William Shakespeare's Plays'.

In class, we will focus on how language can be used to create characters who are 'fully formed', full of thoughts, ideas and motivations.

When it comes to writing, children will be learning how to write in a suspenseful way, which gives enough information to build tension without revealing all the secrets of the story.

In this first term, we will have a real focus on ensuring great standards of presentation – children in Year 5 should generally be able to write clearly in a joined-up style. We will also be launching into a new scheme to continue improving our spellings.

To help at home, we would like for all children to be reading very regularly. What the children read is less important than the fact that they are reading: please encourage them to make time to get stuck into a book.

Mathematics

Our first focus will be on ensuring all children have a solid understanding of number; this will include place value, understanding whole numbers and their parts (such as decimals, fractions and percentages) and the use of column methods of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

Having the ability to calculate accurately and quickly is very helpful, and this is something that pupils can work on at home: regular times table practice (including the use of Times Table Rockstar) will be very supportive of our learning.

Science

Our first topic is 'Earth and Space'. Children will learn about our Solar System, learn the order of the planets and about the movement of celestial bodies. We will visit the Greenwich Royal Observatory to support our learning in this topic. To learn more for this topic, pupils can read widely about space and space travel.

History/Geography – We begin with a deep study of Ancient Egypt. We will learn about the religious belief of the Ancient Egyptians, about the pharaohs and about everyday life and about the Tomb of Tutankhamun, and the moral questions around museums taking artefacts from other countries. We will be visiting the Petrie Museum of Egyptology to support this topic. To support learning at home, children could read up on Ramesses, Cleopatra and the Rosetta Stone.

PSHCE – Understanding our rights and responsibilities, recognising the diversity of cultures in the UK
Music – We will begin our musical instrument lessons with the ECAM tutors. Practise at home, please.
French – Recapping on greetings, families, pets and body parts – new learning on food and conversation.
Computing – Children across the whole school will learn age-appropriate lessons on Online Safety
PE – Children will cover a range of sports and skills across the term, with lessons on Wednesdays

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