

Important Information

CAT Day

Year 5 CAT day (Creative Arts) is held on a Tuesday, once a fortnight. Children have three sessions: Thinking Through Texts (with Ms Rios), Drama (with Ms Liz) and Spanish (with Ms Light). On these days, the children should come to school wearing clothing that is suitable for physical activities in drama.

P.E.

For Summer term, Year 5 will be going swimming once a week as part of the PE curriculum. The children will need to bring a swimming costume, towel and swimming cap with them, along with a large waterproof bag to keep their wet clothes in. Helen Keller will be going swimming on Thursdays and Rosa Parks/Gandhi will go swimming on Friday.

Book Bags

Please remind your child to bring their book bag to school every day. Within their book bag they should have 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, older sibling or independently. If you listen to your child read, please sign their reading record, with a comment if possible. Children are allowed to sign and comment in their own reading record in Year 5.
- Practise their times tables, and make use of Times Table Rockstars.
- Learn their spellings ready for their weekly spelling tests.

This term, the children's homework will usually take the form of a research task, which is planned to support learning that will be taking place the following week, or consolidate previous learning.

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. Completing weekly homework also helps prepare children for the expectations around home learning in Year 7.

If access to the internet, a device or just a quiet place to complete homework is an issue, we do offer a weekly homework club in school; in Summer term, this will be held every Thursday afternoon. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you are interested in a place.

If you require any further information, please speak to your child's class teacher or to the Upper Key Stage 2 Phase leader, Ms Phelan.

Thank you for your continued support.

Year 5

Curriculum Overview



Summer Term 2022

Year 5 Summer Curriculum

English

This term, Year 5 children will explore the story of Laika the Astronaut Dog. We will discuss the moral implications of sending an animal to space and debate this using different for and against arguments. From this text we will be writing contrasting character descriptions of Laika throughout the story. We will be using features such as similes, metaphors and expanded noun phrases. Alongside this, we will be working on embedding single and multi clause sentences into their writing.

We will then move on to writing a Newspaper report based on Laika the Astronaut Dog. We will be using the children's previous knowledge to help them write a journalistic account from the day Laika was sent to space. We will be looking at the key features of a newspaper report and the use direct and indirect speech.

Grammar, punctuation and spelling skills are continued to be developed and embedded weekly throughout our English Learning Journey.

Mathematics

In Summer term, we will first be focusing on geometry. We will practise measuring angles both on a straight line and within a shape. Then we move on to looking at rules that help us find missing angles without using a protractor.

In the second half of the term, we will be looking at different units of measure and converting between these, including metric and imperial measures (g, kg, lbs, inch, cm, m, feet). Lastly, we will focus on finding the area and perimeter of different shapes. Throughout the term we will still continue with our daily times tables sessions.

Science

This term, we will be completing our Year 5 curriculum by learning about forces. This is an engaging and hands-on topic, that requires pupils to learn about the different forces and how/why they occur and then develop their skills by investigating how opposing forces act on an object. Later in the term, we will be looking at Earth and Space. We will be focusing on the planets in our solar system and why day and night occurs.

Topic – Our final topic of this term focuses on our local area. We begin by looking at our planet and identifying continents and the hemispheres. Then we move a little closer and look at The UK; focusing on human and physical features and rural and urban areas. Lastly, we look at East London and Newham. We focus on how the area has changed and developed and what local resources and landmarks we have in our local area. The children end the unit with drawing a sketch map of the local area, labelling and highlighting all the key features.

PSHE – Understanding the changes we go through, physically and mentally, as we grow older.

Music – We continue our weekly guitar lessons Mr Davies, and music appreciation and singing assemblies.

Spanish – The names of different hobbies and to conjugate verbs in the first person simple present tense.

Computing – How to use spreadsheets to collect and represent data.

PE – Children will be completing 10 swimming lessons, learning new skills and developed water confidence.

RE – We will learn about the Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) and Inner forces.