

Important Information

CATs Day

Year 5 CAT day (Creative Arts) is held on a Thursday, once a fortnight. Children have three sessions: drama (with Ms Parsons), art (with Ms Rocio), and outdoor learning (with Mrs Rios). On these days, the children should come to school wearing clothing that is suitable for physical activities in drama, and for going to the park.

P.E.

Year 5 P.E. lessons will take place every Wednesday. The children will need to come into school wearing their P.E. kit, this must include a t-shirt, shorts/jogging bottoms, pumps/trainers and a jumper for cold days. If your child would like to bring a change of top for after the PE session, that is absolutely fine.

Book Bags/ Rucksack

Please remind your child to bring their book bag to school every day. Within their book bag they should have their reading books (one colour band book and one reading corner book) and reading record. 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.
- Practise their times tables, and make use of Times Table Rockstars.
- Learn their spellings ready for their weekly spelling tests (new spellings are uploaded on Thursday).

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/topic homework each week. This will be set by the class teacher on Google Classroom. 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 posted on a Friday and should be handed in by the following Wednesday.

If you require any further information, please speak to your child's class teacher or to the Phase Lead for Years 5 and 6, Ms Phelan.

Thank you for your continued support.

Year 5

Curriculum Information



Spring Term 2023

English

Children in Year 5 will begin their year by studying a traditional folk tale, *The People who Hugged the Trees*. We will focus on writing an effective setting description for two key points in the story. The children will be using sensory language and personification when writing their setting descriptions. This text links with our current topic unit which looks at the causes and impact of climate change.

After the half term the children will be reading *Clockwork* by Philip Pullman. They will be using this text to support learning how to write in a suspenseful way, which gives enough information to build tension without revealing all the secrets of the story.

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

The term begins by delving deep into some number work, focused on division before moving onto fractions, decimals. Children are working in the Maths No Problem scheme, that favours and develops depth – children will be exploring different ways of finding and proving their answers. We will spend time ensuring that children have a solid conceptual understanding of mathematics before moving them on to reasoning and problem solving. We will always try and encourage children to make links to their prior mathematical learning. In addition to this, we will have four timetables sessions a week to ensure the children's fluency in all the times tables up to 12.

Science

Our science topic for the term will look at the life cycles of various different animals. We will be focusing on the life cycles of mammals, insects, amphibians and birds and using these to compare the life cycles of different species. The children will be encouraged to use secondary sources to carry out their own research to present to the class.

Geography – This term we will be learning about the Amazon Rainforest, considering the important role that it plays in the world's ecosystem, and considering the human geographical elements of deforestation. This will lead on to look at the features of a river, where the children will be able to describe the journey of a river from the source to ocean.

PSHCE – Understanding how our dreams and aspirations can be worked towards and realised.

Music – We will continue with guitar lessons every Friday.

Computing – Introducing new styles of animation, and developing familiarity 3D design software.

PE – Children will be working on table tennis and football this half term. In Spring 2 we will be moving on to netball and athletics.

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