

Important Information

CAT Day

Year 5 CAT Day is held on a Thursday, once a fortnight. Children will take part in a drama, art and outdoor learning session. Therefore all children should wear clothes suitable for creative activities and ones which allow the children to move easily.

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 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. We expect that our Y5's do this independently.
- Practise counting in multiples of a number and lead on to recalling their multiplication and division facts rapidly. Children should know their times tables (multiplication and division facts) up to 12x12 coming into Y5. We recommend the children are allowed some time every week to play Times Table Rock Stars: <https://trockstars.com/>
- Learn their spellings and their meanings ready for their spelling test on Friday.

Your children will be set a piece of mathematics and a piece of English or Topic homework each week on Google Classroom. This will consolidate and extend the skills taught during that week. Homework will be set on a Friday and must be returned by the end of the following week. We encourage your child to complete their homework to support them in their learning. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you have any comments regarding the homework being given.

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. 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 Ms Phelan or Ms Patora. Thank you for your continued support.

Year 5 Curriculum Overview



Autumn Term 2023

English

Year 5 will begin their year by reading a selection of picture books, specifically chosen to open up discussions about our feelings, dealing with change and their return to school.

Next, pupils will explore the work of William Shakespeare and read Julius Caesar. Our focus in this text will be writing effective openings. Children will first explore what makes the opening of our text effective and then will work on developing skills around, creating moods, using the senses and powerful word choice to create their own version of an opening. They will also use dialogue, with all the related speech punctuation, to advance the action.

Ensuring children are spelling confidently will be a priority, so weekly preparing for weekly spelling tests will be essential, as well as their spelling lessons in school.

To help at home, we would like for all children to be reading daily. Reading provides the basis of so much learning and understanding of the world.

Mathematics

We will begin the term by developing the children's understanding of place value to 1 million. Children will further their understanding of patterns in number sequences and make predictions about terms. Children will also improve their number skills in relation to the four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division). They will then use these skills to solve multistep word problems. As always, it is important that children develop their fluency in times tables, and this can be done best by regular practice, at home and in school.

Science: We begin the year learning about Properties and Changes in Materials. Pupils will build on their prior knowledge of solids, liquids and gases and work scientifically to learn about how materials behave, separating mixtures and reversible and irreversible change. They will carry out numerous fair tests and consider different ways in which they will record and present their findings.

History/Geography – This term we will be learning about the Ancient Egyptians. Firstly, we will learn about the geographical location of Egypt and what was Ancient Egypt. We will also study the importance of the River Nile. We will study how Ancient Egyptians lived, their belief systems and the difference between mono and polytheistic beliefs. We will learn about mummification and what the Ancient Egyptians believed about life after death.

PSHCE & RE – We will be looking at setting goals and how inner forces impact on our behaviour.

Music – Our guitar lessons continue every Friday – practice makes perfect, everybody.

Spanish – Learning and consolidating the language of number and buildings. Conversational phrases.

Computing – Online Safety and Graphical Drawing

PE – Children will cover Bollywood Dancing and Tag Rugby (Wednesday)