

YEAR 5 NEWSLETTER

Summer 1 - Miss Padley

Swimming

As it is now the summer term, the children will resume swimming. Year 5 are timetabled to swim on a Friday afternoon each week. The year 5 children will only swim one day each week however will benefit from the opportunity to swim for a longer length of time (45 minutes each group rather than two short sessions). Children will therefore need to bring a swimming costume and towel. Earrings should not be worn on swimming days.

P.E.

During the summer term, Year 5 will benefit from the opportunity to swim and also have a P.E. session with our school's sport coach. We are timetabled for P.E. on a Thursday afternoon. Please ensure children have correct uniform, consisting of:

- Blue T- shirt
- Black shorts
- Plimsolls

It has been noticed recently that children are not wearing P.E. kit in line with our schools' policies.



Curriculum

During both the summer terms, our topic is 'All Around the World'. We have previously had two topics with a heavy historical focus (World War 2 and Mysterious Maya) therefore our final topic for this year has a geographical focus.

Geographers

We are going to be learning about settlements and settlement sites. We will explore human and physical features of a landscape and identify landmarks in the United Kingdom. We will also explore land use and how the location of the land affects settlements and how the land use has changed over time. Furthermore, we will look at the planned implementation of HS2 and the effect that it will have on land use across the country and use this to write a discussion text.



Production

Now that it is the summer term, we will begin to focus on our year 5 and 6 production. Towards the end of this term, auditions will be held and parts will be cast. Our production this time is 'The Amazing Adventures of Superstan'.

Year 5 will also explore trade, imports, exports and fair trade. We will be identifying the main items that are imported and exported and show this data on a bar chart. In addition, we will be given world maps to find the countries that we import and export from/to and finally given a country we will research and find the items that it exports to the UK.

Musicians

We will be using Minecraft to model to the children that there are a number of different biomes, or areas, that occur and that this is something that also happens in the modern world. Year 5 will then compose a musical piece/soundtrack to accompany the landscape that they are looking at.

Design Technicians

The children will make a moving poster to highlight the benefits of recycling. To make the poster move, they will need to use mechanisms. We will be focusing on levers and linkages.

Scientists

Our science topic is 'Forces'. We will learn that unsupported objects fall towards the Earth because of the force of gravity acting between the Earth and the falling object. We will identify the effects of air resistance, water resistance and friction, that act between moving surface. Furthermore, we will recognise that some mechanisms, including levers, pulleys and gears, allow a smaller force to have a greater effect.

