

Year 5 Autumn 2 Newsletter 2023

I hope everyone had a lovely half term break. We had a great start to the year, so I'm looking forward to another term of fantastic learning.

I hope that any questions you have about this term will be answered in this newsletter, but if you are unsure about anything or wish to speak to me for any reason, please don't hesitate to catch me at the end of the day or arrange an appointment with the school office.

Miss Bower



Our school value we are focusing on this term is courage.

PE

This term, Year 5 will have PE every Tuesday afternoon and Thursday morning. Please ensure that children come in wearing the correct uniform for PE.

This includes a plain blue t-shirt, a plain blue sweatshirt (this can be the school jumper) black, dark grey or dark blue shorts or joggers, and trainers. This uniform **must not be branded**.

No earrings should be worn on PE days.

Homework

Every Friday, homework will be set to go home and must be completed by the following Thursday.

Children are expected to read at home four times a week, for 20 minutes each time, by Friday and this must be signed off by an adult in their homework diaries. This is checked regularly.

It is always best if an adult reads with them, as this really helps with their comprehension and understanding.

Children should aim to go on Times Table Rockstars as often as possible at home. Challenges will be set weekly.

Maths

This half-term the children will learn multiplication and division, this will involve learning about multiples, factors, prime numbers and square numbers. They will also be developing their understanding of fractions.

Writing Skills

This half-term we will learn how to write a journal entry, inspired by the film *The Martian*, we will be writing an entry to a journal, imagining we are trapped on Mars. We will also be writing a science fiction narrative, based on the book, *Cosmic*, by Frank Cottrell Boyce. We will finish off the term by learning how to write a poem, based on *The Most Dangerous Animal In The World*, by Valerie Bloom.

Reading Skills

This term we will begin reading *Malamander*, by Thomas Taylor. We will be engaging with and reflecting on the text.

History

This term we will learn about the early development of the British Empire, its impact on the world and the motivations for starting an empire.

Geography

This term we will begin learning about mountains. We will study African and American mountains, as well as the Alps and the Himalayas.

Science

This term we are looking at materials and their properties. This will include experiments on how solubility, separating mixtures and reversible changes.

RE

This term, we are continuing our learning about Islam, with a particular focus on a Muslim's beliefs, the way they live and the way they think.

Art and Design Technology

In art this term, we will be looking at Islamic architecture and design. We will be focusing on the geometric designs and creating our own.

Computing

In computing this term, the children will be learning about programming, learning how to programme music using coding on Scratch.

PE

Year 5 will continue their lessons with the sports coach, Miss Kier, this term will be on hockey. The children will also be learning how to play netball.

French

In Modern Foreign Languages, we will be learning how to describe the date in French, including names of the month, days of the week and numbers for dates.

PSHE

Year 5 will participate in regular PSHE sessions which encourage positive learning behaviours as well as looking after their social, emotional and physical well-being.