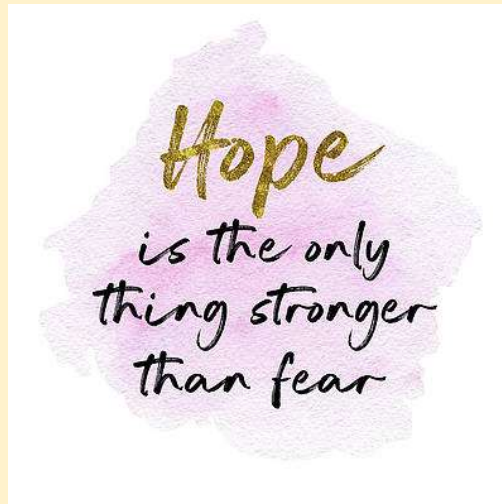


Year 5 Spring 1 Newsletter 2023

I hope everyone had a lovely Christmas 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 hope.

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 long multiplication, problem solving and improving our division skills. We will also learn how to multiply fractions.

Writing Skills

This half-term we will learn how to write a persuasive speech on plastic pollution. We will also be learning how to write a creative narrative, using *The Nowhere Emporium* by Ross Mackenzie as inspiration.

Reading Skills

This term we will begin reading *The Valley of Lost Secrets*, by Lesley Park. We will be engaging with and reflecting on the text.

History

This term we will learn about the French Revolution, its impact and consequences, as well as the rise and fall of Napoleon's empire.

Geography

This term we will begin learning about the physical and human geography of East Anglia, Yorkshire and the Midlands.

Science

This term we are looking at living things and their habitats. We will be comparing the life cycles of different animals depending on their classification.

RE

This term, we are learning about Christianity, and what they believe Jesus did to save human beings.

Art and Design Technology

In art this term, we will be looking at African art, looking at African headdresses and the Benin Plaques.

Computing

In computing this term, the children will be learning about Data Handling, investigating how the Mars Rover Curiosity transmits data, as well as learning about binary code.

PE

Year 5 will continue their lessons with the sports coach, Miss Kier, this term will be on gymnastics. The children will also be doing dance as their other PE learning.

French

In Modern Foreign Languages, we will be learning how to describe the weather in French, as well as linking the weather to specific areas, such as the north, east, south and west.

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.