

Year 5 Newsletter

6th September 2024

Dear Parents

Welcome to Year 5! It has been a great start to the academic year and I have been very impressed by how well the children have settled down to work and got used to the new routines.

Alongside this letter, I have attached the curriculum overview for this term. This gives a good idea of the areas of learning that we will be covering. This week we began our history topic, The Tudors, which will continue until Christmas. First, the children found out about Tudor cures for illnesses. Where possible, English lessons will relate to the topic too, so in English this week, we started to read a book set in Tudor times called 'A Pig Called Henry.' The children compared some aspects of life for a Tudor child with life for us today. The children also wrote a recipe to cure a Tudor disease.

In maths, the children read, wrote and ordered numbers to 100,000 and determined the value of each digit in a number. In RE, the children considered qualities that people may believe God has, and whether or not humans could possess the same qualities. In art, the children created some super self-portraits, to be displayed outside our classroom. In science, we revised the three states of matter: solid, liquid and gas, as well as the processes of freezing, melting, evaporation and condensation.



PE lessons will always take place on Mondays and Thursdays. Due to the weather yesterday, we could not have our planned tag rugby lesson, but we played a great game of bench ball instead, which uses netball skills. The children clearly love PE!

Home learning

*The children have all been given a reading journal. Reading remains the most important home learning and the children should read every day. **Please encourage your child to read and to record their reading in their journal, which will be checked in school daily.** The children have a second reading record book in which to write a short book review every time a book has been completed. It is also essential for the children to have instant recall of multiplication and division facts, up to 12 x 12. Please help your child to practise their tables regularly.*

Spellings will be given each week and tests will take place on Fridays. In Year 5, we start to try to encourage the children to be more independent, in preparation for secondary school. One way this is done is by giving the children the responsibility for bringing home their spellings each week, rather than me writing them for you on this newsletter. Words to learn for next Friday's test have been sent home today, with a task to help the children to learn them. We will work on the same words in class. There are always 18 words to learn - this week they are fairly simple, high-frequency words, so I would like all the children to try to spell them all. In future weeks, those children who find spelling more difficult can choose just 8 of the words to practise and learn.

Usually, an additional home learning task will be set, but this week we will concentrate on reading, times tables practice (which can be done on TTRockstars) and learning spellings.

Woodland Learning

Our Woodland Learning sessions for Term 1 are due to take place on:

Thursday 19th September

Thursday 17th October

Please ensure that your child has the appropriate clothing, including wellies if they want to go in the stream, spare socks and underwear, and a towel.

Rock Steady Interviews

*On Tuesday 24th September, Rock Steady will be holding interviews for new band leaders at our school. They need children for the interviewees to teach, so any children in our class who would like a free lesson will be able to have one that day. Please let me know if you **do not** give your permission for your child to take part.*

Teacher of the Week

Each Thursday, one child will have the opportunity to be the teacher for **up to 20 minutes**. The child can choose any subject that interests them to share with the class. 'Lessons' should be prepared in advance and **may** include a PowerPoint presentation, some interesting objects to look at and an interactive activity for the class to be involved in. Previous subjects have been really wide ranging, from ballet to magic, drones, cakes and optical illusions. It's a great opportunity for the children to share areas of interest and expertise, whilst demonstrating their speaking and listening skills. Children should all begin to think about what they may base their lesson on, but may not need not prepare it yet, as it will take many weeks to get through the whole class.

Thursday 20 th September	Henry
Thursday 27 th September	Brooke
Thursday 4 th October	Tom
Thursday 10 th October	Freya
Thursday 17 th October	Josh
Thursday 24 th October	Isla
Thursday 7 th November	Flick
Thursday 14 th November	Nevaeh
Wednesday 21 st November	Lily
Thursday 28 th November	Jen
Thursday 5 th December	Ojas
Thursday 12 th December	Grace
Thursday 19 th December	Caleb
Thursday 9 th January	Ava
Thursday 16 th January	Blake
Thursday 23 rd January	Maisy
Thursday 30 th January	Evie
Thursday 6 th February	Evelyn
Thursday 13 th February	Sophie N
Thursday 27 th February	Cara
Thursday 6 th March	Bella
Thursday 13 th March	Sophie H
Thursday 20 th March	John
Thursday 27 th March	Ben
Thursday 3 rd April	Lilia

Young Voices Concert at the O2

Next week, we will start to learn the songs that we will be singing when we go to the O2 Young Voices concert. All the children who have ever been in the past have said it is one of the most incredible experiences they have ever had! We sincerely hope that every child will attend, as everyone in Years 5 and 6 will be learning all the songs and actions and it would be a shame for any child to miss out on this unforgettable event.

If you have any questions, or if at any time you feel that your child feels under pressure, is upset or worried about anything, please do not hesitate to make an appointment to come and chat to me about it.

Best wishes,

Louise Grinstead

