



YEAR 5

SUMMER TERM NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the final term in Year 5. Our team consists of Miss Cranney, Miss Staniland, Miss Wilson, Mr Kiggins and Miss Bloomfield.

ENGLISH



In the first half of the summer term, our work will be based on the book Clockwork by Philip Pullman. We will be writing a balanced argument about our opinion on one of the characters in the story. During the second half of the summer term, we will be reading Journey to the River Sea by Eva Ibbotson. We will be writing a story based in the rainforest. We will also write an information text about a rainforest animal. We will be including lots of the grammar features that we have been learning this year and working even more on our handwriting and presentation.

MATHS

During this term, we will be looking at geometry and measurement studying shape and position and direction, converting units and volume. Towards the end of the term we will return to looking at decimals and learn more about negative numbers. Please ensure that your children are still practising their times tables regularly at home on TT Rockstars. The log in details are in your child's reading diary.



SCIENCE



During the first half term, we will be learning about 'living things and their habitats'. We will be comparing life cycles of different plants, mammals, amphibians, birds and insects. We will also look at the different ways that living things reproduce. In the second half term, we will be learning about 'animals including humans'. Here we will look at gestational periods of animals and humans.

GEOGRAPHY

In summer 2, we will be learning all about the rainforest. This includes looking at where rainforests are located, their climates, the different layers (emergent, canopy, understory and forest floor) and the different animals that live in each section.



HISTORY



Our history topic in summer 1 will be 'The Maya Civilisation'. We will be learning all about their food, culture, religion and number system, as well as analysing some Mayan writing.

ART



In art, the children will be looking at set design. They will explore creating a model set for theatre or animation inspired by poetry, prose, film or music.

DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY

In D&T, the children will be using CAD (Computer Aided Design) in textiles. They will be designing, making and evaluating a gardening tool belt.



PERSONAL SOCIAL HEALTH & ECONOMIC EDUCATION



In PSHE, we are being visited by a charity called Equation who deliver the GREAT Project. This is designed to promote healthy relationships in all aspects of life.

RELATIONSHIP AND SEX EDUCATION

In RSE, we will be exploring male and female changes during puberty in more detail, with a focus on hygiene, including spot cream, deodorant and regular washing.

Recommended books –

- Everything you ever wanted to ask about periods by Dr Rosemary Jones
- Hair in Funny Places by Babette Cole.



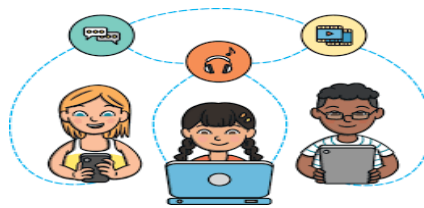
COMPUTING



This term, the children will be exploring web design and construction. They will also be learning how to program and control a computing device using microbits.

CYBER SAFETY

Every half term, the children participate in an E-Safety assembly. During the computing lessons, the children also will learn how to stay safe online.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Christianity



Islam



Hinduism



Humanism

In RE, we will be looking at beliefs in action in the world. The children will think about how religious and spiritual thoughts and beliefs expressed in arts and architecture and in charity and generosity.

DIVERSITY CALENDAR

This term as part of our whole school diversity calendar, we will be learning about:

- Vaisakhi – Sikh New Year
- Earth Day
- St George's Day
- Deaf Awareness Week
- Vesak – Buddhist festival
- Global Accessibility Awareness Day
- Eid-Al-Adha – Islam Holiday
- Pride Month
- Race Unity Day
- Al-Hijra/Muharram – Islamic New Year
- School Diversity Week



PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Did you know.... a good night's sleep helps children's mental, physical, social and emotional development?



Year 5 will have PE on Wednesdays and Fridays.

On PE days, please ensure your child wears the PE kit uniform of black shorts/joggers/leggings, a school polo shirt and trainers (preferably black). Please remove any earrings.

QUESTIONS AND ISSUES



If you need to speak to Miss Staniland or Miss Cranney please leave a message with the office. This will allow us to arrange a suitable time to help.

Please do not come into the Year 5 cloakroom in the morning with your child. If you wish to speak to a teacher, we will always have a member of staff on the door before and after school.

HOMEWORK



Spelling and maths homework will be given out on Mondays and will be due in on Fridays. The children will be tested on Fridays using Spelling Frame. Please practise and test your children on their spellings so they can do as well as possible. You can also visit www.spellingframe.co.uk and encourage them to practise on there too.

Your child will be given a 'book-banded' reading book, which they are responsible for changing when they have finished. We ask that you read with your child **at least 5 times per week**. Please sign their reading diary after they have read. This will count as a 'read' towards our RED TED reading initiative, where children can collect coloured badges. **It is vital that your child brings their reading book and diary into school every day.**

TRIPS AND EXPERIENCES

From Monday 27th April to Wednesday 29th April, some members of year 5 will be visiting PGL Caythorpe Court. Whilst there, children will be taking part in adventurous activities including abseiling, canoeing and rifle shooting. The children who are remaining in school will be doing some fun activities with Miss Bloomfield including arts, crafts, gardening and team games.

On Friday 1st May, year 5 will be visited by Partake. They will be helping us to learn all about the Mayans (our history topic). The children will be making their own hot chocolate as well as taking part in the Mayan sport Pokatok.



DIARY DATES

HALF TERM ONE

13/04 – Start of summer 1 half term
21/04 – KS2 Road Safety Quiz
27/04 to 29/04 – Residential to Caythorpe
30/04 – Spanish Day
01/05 – Partake experience
04/05 – Bank Holiday
13/05 – National Numeracy day
22/05 – End of summer 1 half term

HALF TERM TWO

01/06 – Start of summer 2 half term
17/06 – Sports Day
06/07 to 10/07 – World Cup theme week
15/07 – Summer Fayre
17/07 – Reports to Parents
22/07 – End of summer 2 half term
23/07 – INSET day
24/07 – INSET day
02/09 – First day of new school year

