



YEAR 5

AUTUMN TERM NEWSLETTER

Hello and welcome to Year 5! We'd like to introduce ourselves. Mr Jones is the teacher in Panthers and Miss Staniland is the teacher in Raleigh. We also have Miss Wilson and Mr Kiggins supporting us. Miss Bloomfield is the Year 5 and 6 Phase Leader and will be in Raleigh class on a Tuesday and in Panthers class on a Thursday.

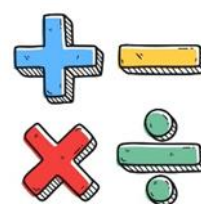
ENGLISH



For this first half-term, a lot of our work will be based on the book 'Coraline' by Neil Gaiman. We'll be reading it out loud together and it should be a real treat. We will be writing part of story based on the book and a piece of writing to inform. Once we have read the book, we will be having a film night at school to compare the movie to the book. In the second half of the term, we will be reading Kensuke's Kingdom by Michael Morpurgo. We will also be working on improving our handwriting, presentation and spelling.

MATHS

In maths this half term, we are learning about place value and how that affects our number system. We will be applying this knowledge to addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. Then, we will be learning about fractions, including how they are used every day and starting to explore how they link to multiplication and division. Each week, we will also be focusing on different times table facts to help with our fluency skills. Please continue to support your child's times table learning at home using TT Rockstars and Mathletics.



SCIENCE



This term we will be looking at the properties and changes of materials. We will explore why materials look or feel different from each other and why each material has been chosen for its purpose. We will compare different brands of kitchen roll and discuss suitability and price. Also, we will consider what happens if materials are mixed together and conduct lots of experiments over the course of the topic, which will allow us to work scientifically.

GEOGRAPHY

Next half-term our topic will be Our Blue Planet. We will be learning about a range of bodies of water on our planet and their physical and human features. We will also explore what we use rivers for and learn about some of the challenges facing our blue planet.



HISTORY



Our history topic this half term is the Stone Age to the Iron Age. We will be learning about their everyday life, what they did for fun and what they created in their civilisation. We will continue to develop a chronologically secure knowledge and understanding of British, local and world history, establishing clear narratives within and across the periods they study by learning about what happened in the Bronze Age, looking at how copper mining was crucial to the people of this time.

ART



During the 2nd half term the children will explore how we can create typography through drawing and design, and use our skills to create personal and highly visual Christmas cards.

DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY

In D&T, the children will design, make and evaluate a Spanish dish for parents/carers to enjoy at our Spanish café.



PERSONAL SOCIAL HEALTH & ECONOMIC EDUCATION



In PSHE, we will be looking at how we can be our best selves, including looking at how smoking, drugs and a healthy diet can impact the human body.

During autumn, we will also be taking part in a Mini Police programme. The children will learn all about anti-social behaviour, hate crime and the criminal justice system.

RELATIONSHIP AND SEX EDUCATION

In RSE, we will be learning about the main physical and emotional changes that happen during puberty. We will describe these changes that will happen over the next few years. Please speak to teachers if you would like to know more information.

Book recommendations on this topic are:

- What's happening to me?



COMPUTING



This term, the children will be diving into the world of coding through our iProgram unit. Using Scratch and Kodu, they are developing key skills in communication, computational thinking and programming.

CYBER SAFETY

As children become more active online, it's important to help them build safe and responsible digital habits. Here are some key tips to support your child's cyber safety:

- Talk openly about online safety.
- Use parental controls.
- Know their passwords.
- Remind them not to share personal information.
- Model good behaviour online.
- Encourage age-appropriate apps and games.
- Encourage them to speak up.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



In RE, we want our children to ask questions and think about the beliefs of others so that they understand the people in our community. We will be focusing on inspirational people across different faiths this half term.

DIVERSITY CALENDAR

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

- National Inclusion Week
- World Alzheimer's Day
- International Day of Sign Language
- Black History month
- Yom Kippur (Jewish)
- Harvest Festival (Christian)
- Show Racism the Red Card
- Diwali (Sikh and Hindu)
- Armistice Day
- World Kindness Day
- St Andrew's Day (Scotland)
- Human Rights Day
- Hanukkah (Jewish)
- World Mental Health Day
- Anti-slavery Day
- World Teacher's Day
- International Day of Tolerance
- World Children's Day
- International Day of Person's with Disabilities



PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Did you know... exercise makes your brain function better?



This term, Year 5 will have P.E on a **Wednesday and Friday**.

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 Mr Jones or Miss Staniland, please leave a message with the office. This will allow us to arrange a suitable time to help. We will always have a member of staff on the door before and after school.

HOMEWORK



Spellings and maths homework will be given out on a Monday and are expected to be returned on a Friday. The children will be tested on their spellings on a Friday. 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 practice 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

This term, the children will take part in our annual Harvest Festival, where they will reflect on the importance of sharing and giving thanks. Later in the term, they will prepare for the Carol Concert, learning festive songs and performing for families and the school community. These events are a wonderful opportunity for the children to build confidence, work together, and celebrate the season. We will also be hosting a film evening for our topic about Coraline. This will be after school on a Monday. More information to follow about both of these.



DIARY DATES



HALF TERM ONE

02/09 Start of autumn 1 half term
16/09 Year 5 Welcome Meeting 9am
14/10 Harvest Festival at Bulwell St Marys
15/10 Last day of autumn 1 half term
16/10 INSET day

HALF TERM TWO

02/11 Start of autumn 2 half term
13/11 Children in Need
19/11 School photos
23/11 Coraline film night
25/11 Parents/Carers Evening
01/12 Christmas tree decoration assembly (children may wear a Christmas jumper)
02/12 Carol Concert at Bulwell St Marys
02/12 Christmas Fayre 2-4pm
14/12 Winter Disco 5-6.30pm
16/12 Christmas Dinner Day
18/12 Party afternoon
18/12 Last day of autumn 2 half term
04/01 Start of spring 1 half term

OCTOBER HALF TERM HAF

Please see the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) poster, sign posting activities available over October half term. Please scan to QR code or follow the link to see what is available

<https://eequ.org/nottinghamcityholidayactivitiesandfoodhaf>

Nottingham Forest will be running their HAF club at Crabtree Farm in the second week of the October half term on 26th, 27th, 28th and 29th October 10am to 2pm. To book this follow the link <https://eequ.org/book/nottingham-forest-foundation-crabtree-farm-with-nottingham-forest-foundation-25259>

October Holiday Scheme Places for Free



HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES AND FOOD (HAF)

Would your child like to attend a **fully funded holiday scheme** during the October holidays where fun experiences, a meal and snacks are all included?

Children in receipt of, or eligible for, **Free School Meals** can attend up to **4 free holiday activity club** places in the **October holidays**.



Further information:
www.nottinghamcity/haf
or scan the QR code

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