

Year 5 Newsletter— Lent Term 2 2024

Welcome back to a short but busy half term. I always like this half term as the evenings get lighter, the weather gets warmer and we start to see signs of Spring. As always, if you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's happiness and education please feel free to contact me via Dojo, speak to me in the playground before or after school or call the school office to arrange a phone call.

Many thanks

Mrs Fraser



English

Writing

This half term our writing will be based around *The Tempest* by William Shakespeare. We will be writing a looking at the relations ships between characters, writing dialogue, looking at how Shakespeare wrote in Iambic Pentameter before writing own playscript in the style of William Shakespeare.

Grammar

In grammar will be looking at the present perfect form, recognising past and present perfect form and using these in sentences.

Spelling

Spelling tests will continue with the spellings attached. This has also been posted on the web-site if you need another copy.

Reading

Guided reading will take place twice a week with the first session looking discretely at a the skills they need to become a reflective and competent reader and the second session using the skills they have learnt to complete comprehensions. Reading books will be sent home, it is expected that your child reads regularly, to and adult, even if they are a competent reader and this is recorded in their reading record book. We will also visit the school library, where your child can select a book to read for pleasure, on Friday mornings. If your child wishes to change their library book please ensure it is in school on this day.

Maths

We will continue to work decimals and percentages, looking at perimeter and area of rectilinear and compound shapes then moving on to statistics, drawing and reading tables and graphs.

Weekly times tables and mental maths test will continue on a Friday—keep revising those times tables, they will be very usefull!

Science

There is no science unit this half term. We will be finishing off and consolidating our learning from last half term on properties of materials.

Computing

Fowl - (Taught by Mrs Geary) Children are introduced to flowcharts and practise reading them as a sequence of instructions, then designing their own.

PSHE

Being Healthy - Exploring what affects physical and emotional health and learning how to make informed choices.

Drug Education - Identifying a range of substances, assessing the risks and developing skills of how to ask for help.

Music

Pitch - listen to a wide range of music, including work from the 'minimalist' genre. They will use some of this music as a stimulus to compose their own short pieces and build on their developing knowledge around pitch and other musical devices to create more technically complex performances.

French

Quel temps fait-il? (What is the weather?) - To understand vocabulary based on Henry VIII and his wives.

RE

Sacrifice - Lent is the season when Christians try to focus on giving. This helps us to identify with the complete sacrifice of Jesus which is remembered during the Holy Week.

We will also be visiting the Stations of the Cross and joining in with the Big Lent Walk.

History

Tudors - Looking at Tudor clothes, houses, food and drink. We will also discover some famous people during the Tudor period including Sir Walter Raleigh and Sir Francis Drake.

PE

PE will take place on a Tuesday and Wednesday, please make sure full PE kit is in school on these days and earrings can be removed.

Gymnastics - This session will be taught by the PE coach. Turning and spinning on different parts of the body.

Dance - To perform basic dance actions with increased control; to explore and improvise ideas, on their own, with a partner and in a group.

Art and D/T

Sketch and paint a portrait of a Tudor Monarch.

Dates for the diary

Wednesday 6th March - Library Visit

Friday 8th March - World Book Day

Thursday 14th March - Tudor Day

Tuesday 12th & Thursday 14th March - Parents Evenings (more information to follow)

Thursday 21st March - Easter Liturgy (9.30 at the Church)

Friday 22nd March - Year 5 AOW (9.15 in the School Hall)

Friday 22nd March - School closes for Easter Holidays