

Year 5 Newsletter - Pentecost Term 1

Welcome back! I hope you all had a relaxing Easter Break. 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 2 books, 'Firebird' and 'High Rise'. We will be writing letters, character descriptions, narratives, police reports and newspaper articles.

Grammar

In grammar will be looking at commas in lists, adverbials and clauses, commas to avoid ambiguity, pronouns to avoid repetition, relative clauses and adverbials.

Spelling

Spelling tests will continue with the spellings attached. This has also been posted on the website 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, this term we will reading 'Wonder' by R.J. Palacio in guided reading.

Reading books will be sent home, it is expected that your child reads a minimum of three times a week, to and adult, even if they are a competent reader and this is to be recorded in their reading record book which will be checked on Wednesday mornings. 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 be focusing on shape, position and direction and building on our decimal knowledge this half term.

Weekly mental maths test will continue on a Friday. I also ask that you keep revising those times tables, they will be very useful!

Science

Our Science unit is Living things and their habitats. We will describe the differences in life cycles of a mammal, an amphibian, and insect and a bird and describe the life process of reproduction in some plants and animals.

Computing

Scratch - Continue to learn how to design, write and debug programmes to accomplish a specific goal and use logical reasoning to explain simple algorithms.

Art and D/T

Refine our sketching skills to draw a North American monument.

PSHE

Money Matters - look into enterprise skills and the concept of loans, tax and debt.

Being responsible - Human rights, rights and responsibilities.

French

Les jeux Olympiques (The Olympics) - To understand vocabulary about the ancient and current Olympic sports and say which sports they do and do not like.

Music

Digital music technology - use voice, sounds, technology and instruments in creative ways and identify key features of musical structure.

RE

Transformation - Christians believe that the Spirit of God is active in each person and that the work of the Spirit enables people to hear God's message. Pentecost is a celebration of the Gift of God's Spirit and its transforming power.

Other Faiths - Hinduism - This half term, we will spend sometime to understand more about the Hindi religion to strengthen our respect for people of other faiths.

Geography

North America—We will locate the North American countries, concentrating on their environmental regions and key physical and human characteristics. We will identify its position looking at longitude, latitude. We will also Locate the USA states and major cities.

PE

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

Invasion and Target Games - This session will be taught by the PE coach. Tag Rugby focus.

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

Dates for the diary

Thursday 18th April - Good News Mass - 9.30am at Church

Thursday 2nd May - May service - 9.30am at Church

Monday 6th May - Bank Holiday

Friday 3rds May - Close for Half Term

