



Year 5 Newsletter – Pentecost Term

Dear Parents and Carers,

Here are the details of our learning in Year 5 for this term. As always, if you have any questions or concerns then please do not hesitate to contact me via Class Dojo or in person at the end of the school day.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Read

Subject		Pentecost 1	Pentecost 2
English	Writing	Firebird by Saviour Pirotta Formal Letters, story retelling, character descriptions, narratives. The Whale by Vita Murrow Reported speech, description, letter to a newspaper editor.	The Lost Thing by Shaun Tan Diary entries, formal letters, adverts, character and setting descriptions, non-chronological reports, fantasy narrative.
	Grammar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commas Cohesion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prefixes Suffixes
	Spellings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Words containing 'ough' Homophones 	Consolidation of Year 5 and 6 words
Maths	Topics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shape Position and Direction Decimals 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Decimals Negative numbers Converting units Volume
	Times Tables	Weekly times tables (details to follow) and mental maths test every Friday.	Weekly times tables (details to follow) and mental maths test every Friday.
R.E.		To the Ends of the Earth Other Faiths - Hinduism	Dialogue and Encounter
Science		Living Things and their Habitats	Animals including Humans
Computing		Scratch	Strategic Searching Online
History / Geography		Geography: North Africa	Geography: Geographical skills and fieldwork – Local Area Study
P.S.H.E.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Being Responsible Changes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Relationships A Journey in Love
P.E.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cricket Badminton 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tag Rugby Athletics
Art / Design and Technology		Design and Technology: Food – Celebrating Culture and Seasonality – Focaccia with vegetables	Art: Drawing – Frank Lloyd Wright - Architect
Music		Digital Music Technology	20 th Century Music
French		Les jeux olympique's (The Olympics)	Les vêtements (Clothes)

General Reminders

Reading

Reading Scheme: Each child will have a book to read at home which will be allocated according to their level of understanding and reading ability. When the book has been read it can be changed at the start of the school day and the children should change their book as often as possible. It is extremely beneficial for the children to read at home at least 3 times a week and this should be recorded in their yellow Home Reading Record and then signed by an adult. This will be checked weekly at school; if a child has read at least 3 times in that week at home then a reward will be given, for example, house points, extra playtime. Reading little and often is best so reading for 5-10 minutes everyday is better than reading for 30 mins once a week.

Books from home: The children are encouraged to read as often as possible at home and if they are reading one of their own books then this can also be recorded in their yellow Home Reading Record as above.

Library books: The children will be able to borrow a book from our school library and will be able to change it regularly. They will be able to read this book at home or in school.

P.E.

Our P.E. lessons will be on a Monday and a Friday. However, your child will need access to their full P.E. kit at all times should this need to change. The children must not wear any jewellery for P.E. and all earrings and watches need to be removed. Earrings can only be taped for the 6 weeks after piercing and this must be done by your child before the lesson or before they come to school, then after this time earrings must be removed. Long hair should be tied up or if not long enough to do so pushed back off the face using a sports headband. Children who have forgotten their P.E. kit or do not have their full P.E. kit will be given one to borrow and wear for that lesson.

Homework

Homework will be set on a Friday and should be completed and handed in by the following Wednesday. Completed homework will be rewarded with house points and incomplete homework will be completed at school during playtime or lunchtime. There will be 2 pieces of homework set each week which will include maths and one other subject, for example, Literacy, History, R.E.

Water Bottles

The children need to bring a bottle of **water** each day to school which they will be able to refill if needed throughout the day.

Coats

Your child must bring a coat to school every day which is appropriate for the weather because we will let the children outside during playtime and lunchtime whatever the weather, within reason of course! A thick coat will keep them dry and warm in the winter and a thin coat will keep them dry in the summer.

Jewellery

The only jewellery permitted to be worn at school is a watch and small, flat stud earrings.