

Welcome to Year 5

Miss Scott and Miss Palmer

Independence

- The children are responsible for their own belongings.
- Please ensure all of your child's belongings are named (school uniform, PE kits and water bottles).
- Lateness: The classroom doors are open from 8.40am. **Lessons start at 9.00am.** Please ensure your child is at school on time.

Speaking to your child's teacher

- Please note that if you want to speak to your child's class teacher - you will need to make an appointment through the school office.
- If you have a short message to pass on to the teacher; then we will be available to speak to before and after school.

What we are learning this term:

- English: We are continuing to follow the 'Talk for Writing' structure within our English lessons. The children learn a story or non-fiction text and will innovate it in order to create their own. Encourage your children to story map and box up their own stories at home.
- We will continue to focus on GPS within English as well as teaching daily spelling/SPAG lessons.

What we are learning this term:

English:

The units we will be covering are:

- *Fantasy stories*
- *Journalistic writing*
- *Novels and stories by significant children's authors*
- *Recounts*
- *Traditional stories and Legends*
- *Myths and fables*
- *Poetic style*

What we are learning this term:

Maths: We will continue to learn the four different operations (+, -, X and ÷).

Please encourage your children to use the different vocabulary for each operation.

A copy of the Calculation Policy is available on our school website, with videos explaining each method.

Olympic Maths: Each week the children will have a timed (3 minutes) test on their times tables. Please help them to learn their tables off by heart.

What we are learning this term:

Science:

We're looking at Earth & Space

TBC - Autumn Term trip to Southend Planetarium
(Please pay via Arbor)

RE

All faiths are covered throughout children's time at school. This term we are learning about why some people believe that God exists.

What we are learning this term:

History

British Monarchy

Geography

International Study - America

How would I get there? What is the weather like? What would I see? What would I do there?

Enrichment Day -TBC

What we are learning this term:

ICT: Databases/online safety

Music: We will be exploring rhythms, and using glockenspiels and 'untuned' percussion to accompany songs.

What we are learning this term:

DT

Electrical doodlers - using motors and circuits to create a doodler.

Art

Surrealism - We will be studying surrealist artists and creating our own versions of famous paintings.

PE

Monday, Thursday and Friday for both classes

- * Please make sure that children have all the relevant P.E equipment, i.e. navy shorts, white T-shirt and plimsolls for indoor activities and tracksuit and trainers for outside/colder weather. Children should bring different socks to change into for PE and can bring roll on deodorants only
- * Following our school Health and Safety and PE policy, no jewellery is to be worn at any time during PE sessions and long hair should be tied back.

Homework

Set on a Friday to be completed and submitted via SATs Companion by the following Wednesday.

Logins are in the back of reading records.

- * Spellings - Children will be sent home with spelling every Friday, to be learnt and children will be tested in school the following Friday.

Reading

Reading books

Books can be changed on any day during the week but particularly on the following days:

- 5SS: Monday
- 5LP: Wednesday

Please ensure that children are recording their reading daily in their reading record books. These should be brought into school and will be checked by an adult, on their library day.

Reading Race Track



Assessments

- * Regular formative assessments will take place each half term.
- * Although all subjects are regularly assessed, the main focus will be on Maths, Reading and GPS.
- * These will usually take place the penultimate week of the half term.