

Year 5 Parent Information

Spring Term 2023



Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you have had an enjoyable and relaxing Christmas break.

General Information:

Please ensure your child's uniform and PE kit are **clearly named**. On your child's PE day, please ensure that earrings are removed for Health and Safety reasons or the children have tape in school.

Tuesday - Please send your child into school wearing a P.E. kit. **Please ensure this is black shorts and jogging bottoms, white t-shirt or polo shirt and a black jacket or jumper.**

PE for each class will be on a Tuesday and Thursday.

Homework:

- Reading - Children should read for at least 20 minutes daily and this should be recorded in their reading record.
- Times tables - These should be practiced on Times Tables Rockstars on a regular basis.
- Maths - Two weekly tasks will be set on a Friday on Maths Shed and are to be completed by the following Friday.
- English - A weekly task will be set on a Friday on Reading Eggs and is to be completed by the following Friday.
- Spellings - Spellings will be set on Spelling Shed on a Friday and there will be a spelling test the following Friday.

Below are details of what your child will be learning in school during this term.

During the first half term our Topic is: What do we need to know if I want to be a Polar Explorer? This unit focusses on Ernest Shackleton's journey to the Antarctic.	
English The children will be focusing on two books which link to the theme of belonging and equality. These will be inspiration for their own writing. In guided reading, the children will be studying two books related to the Antarctic and Ernest Shackleton.	Maths Our focus this half term will be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multiplication and division • Fractions
Science We will learn to group together everyday materials on the basis of their properties.	Geography We will learn about the position and significance of latitude, longitude, Equator, Northern Hemisphere, Southern Hemisphere, the Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn, Arctic and Antarctic Circle, the Prime/Greenwich Meridian and time zones (including day and night) and the Polar Regions
Design and Technology We will design and make a set of gloves/mittens.	PSHE We will be learning about responsibility and how to respond when things go wrong.
P.E. In Gymnastics, we will be exploring counter balance and counter tension The children will also learn to apply effective teamwork through different problem-solving challenges.	Music We will listen to Ludovico Einaudi's Elegy for the Arctic and be performing in an ensemble context using instruments to play and perform 'Elegy for the Arctic' (linked to Polar Explorer topic).
Computing We will be learning how to use coding.	R.E. We will investigate places of worship for the different faiths - Christianity, Hinduism and Judaism
MFL - Les Vêtements The children will learn to talk about which clothes they wear and give opinions about the clothes they like. The children will also ask and talk about prices.	

<p>During the second half term our Topic is: Who were the Mayas? The unit focusses on the Mayan Civilisation, who they were and the evidence for that civilisation. Date of any trips/visitors - we are planning a visit with an archeologist</p>	
<p>English</p>	<p>Maths</p>
<p>The children will be focusing on two books which link to the theme of legends and folklore. These will be inspiration for their own writing. In guided reading, the children will be studying two books related to the Ancient Maya.</p>	<p>Our focus this half term will be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decimals and percentages. • Perimeter and area. • Statistics
<p>Art</p>	<p>PSHE</p>
<p>We will be creating Mayan masks using papier mache.</p>	<p>We will be learning about how the media can influence us.</p>
<p>P.E.</p>	<p>Music</p>
<p>We will be learning and developing our skills in while playing netball We will be creating dances linked to the theme of The Circus.</p>	<p>Chopin - Polish Romantic Gershwin-American We will develop an understanding of great composers, musicians, styles and traditions and the history of music by learning about Chopin (Polish) and Gershwin (American) and listening to some of their music.</p>
<p>Computing</p>	<p>R.E.</p>
<p>We will be learning how to use formula and text variables to create a spreadsheet that plans an event.</p>	<p>We will investigate places of worship for different faiths (Christianity, Hinduism and Judaism)</p>
<p>History</p>	
<p>We will be identifying aspects of a non-European society including temples, astronomy and daily life involving The Maya</p>	

We are encouraging the children to become more independent by following the 5Rs of readiness, resilience, resourcefulness, responsibility and reflectiveness, so please remind your child that it is their responsibility to do their homework and hand in their homework and reading records on time (homework is due on Fridays and reading records will also be collected in on Fridays). There is a homework club on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at lunchtime should your child not do their homework or you wish them to do it in school.

If you would like to discuss any aspect of this overview or have any other concerns about your child, do not hesitate to come and see us.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Yours Sincerely

Mrs Roberts and Mrs Marsh