

Year 5 Autumn Newsletter

I hope you have all had a lovely start to the new term. I have noticed that everyone has enjoyed being back in school, seeing their friends and engaging in new learning. We look forward to a successful year and thank you in advance for your continued support and encouragement.



Writing:

This term in English our class book is '**Running on the Roof of the World**' by Jess Butterworth. We will be writing adventure narratives using the characters dialogue and actions to move the story forward. We will also be writing character and setting descriptions. In the second part of the half term we will have a non-fiction focus and use the book '**Hidden Figures**' about the space race between America and the USSR. We will write a newspaper report about the four African American women who made this possible.

Reading

We expect that all children in Year 5 read at least 3 times a week, if not more for at least 15 minutes. Reading is a vital skill for all curriculum areas and hope that you can encourage your child to read daily. When reading with your child, make sure to check their understanding by asking questions about the characters and plot.



In Mathematics, we will be working on multiple objectives throughout the term.

We will start with Place Value building on our prior learning from Year 4. Within the Place Value unit we will look at numbers to 1,000,000. We will also compare, order and round numbers.

In the second half of the term we will begin to look at addition and subtraction using formal methods to answer calculations with numbers up to 4-digits.

We will also look at statistics, which includes reading and interpreting data, drawing line graphs and understanding timetables.

Children will continue to use Times Table Rockstar's in school twice a week and also we encourage children to login in at home and play for at least 30 mins a week or 3 x10 minute



This half term in Science we will be focusing on all things space! We be looking at the Solar System and how the Sun is at the centre of it all. We will be looking at the different planets we have in our Solar System and identifying the characteristics such as climate and moons. After this, we will look at why we have day and night as well as time zones and the features of our moon.

Key Words: moon, planet, Solar System, axis, Sun, Earth, night, day, crater

Useful Websites

Online Encyclopaedia <https://www.dkfindout.com/uk/space/>

NASA image of the day <https://www.nasa.gov/multimedia/imagegallery/iotd.html>

Children's University of Manchester <https://www.childrensuniversity.manchester.ac.uk/learning-activities/science/the-earth-and-beyond/introduction/>



Other Curriculum



Think, Explore, Discover – Our focus this term will be Geography and our topic is ‘**How is our country Changing?**’ We will start by recapping the key human and physical features of the United Kingdom are. We will then look at our local area from the past and think about how and the reasons why it has changed.

P.E. – Our focus in P.E. will be athletics.

PSHE – Our focus in PSHE will be recognise what is meant by a healthy relationship.

Languages - We are joined each Thursday by Miss Arthur from Trinity Academy who is helping us to learn Spanish.

Art – We will be learning about how artists create perspective in their work and use these techniques in our own work.

Things to Remember

- Planner
- Water bottle
- Reading Book
- PE Kit on Friday
- Swimming Kit on
- Correct Uniform

Homework

Homework will be given each Monday and collected the following Monday.

Spellings will be given Monday and tested on Friday.

Important Dates

Uniform

Thank you for ensuring that your child comes to school in the correct uniform.