

Year 5 Spring Newsletter



Writing:

This term in English, we will have a non-fiction focus for the first two weeks, followed by a fiction focus using the **Legend of Beowulf as told by Michael Morpurgo**.

We will start by recapping our understanding of **newspaper reports** and applying this to a new topic. Later, we will write our own legendary tales.

As always, we will focus on our grammar, punctuation and vocabulary to ensure our writing shows off the best features of these genres.

Reading

Our whole class guided reading text will be Beowulf by Michael Morpurgo. After completing our Star Reader assessments, we all now have a ZPD (reading age) and we will use this to complete comprehension-based quizzes based on our library book choices.

As we start the term, we will continue our work on fractions. So far, we have learnt about equivalent fractions, how to simplify fractions to their smallest form and what methods are most effective for comparing fractions.

This term, we will be adding and subtracting fractions, including improper and mixed number fractions. We will also be multiplying fractions and finding fractions of whole numbers.

As always, our **times tables** are really important as we rely on them to compare fractions and, when we need to convert our denominators, addition and subtraction of fractions as well.

Please continue to support your child in accessing TTRS for at least 10 minutes 3 x per week. Remember, weekly winners will receive a certificate at the end of the week and termly winners will get a special prize!



This half term in Science our topic is **Forces**.

We will investigate the effect of air resistance, water resistance and friction. We will understand how the force of gravity keeps us grounded on Earth, and which famous scientists have investigated the effects of gravity. We will also learn how mechanisms such as gears, pulleys and levers are used to amplify the effects of a force.

Key Words: resistance, friction, gravity, mass, accelerate, decelerate

Useful Websites

DK Find Out! <https://www.dkfindout.com/uk/science/forces-and-motion/what-is-force/>

BBC Bitesize <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/znmmn39>



Other Curriculum Areas



Think, Explore, Discover – This term, we will be learning about the Tudor dynasty. We will learn about Henry VIII's reign, including his marriages and the reformation of the church.

P.E. - We will be looking at **football** this term. Learning the different passes involved, the rules and how to work and communicate as a team.

PSHE – Our focus this term will be about **online safety** and thinking about the **effects of social media**.

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

Things to Remember

This term, Year 5 will be taking part in the **Bikeability** course. The class has been split into two groups and each group will complete the course over 2 days!

PE for Year 5 is currently on a Monday afternoon, please ensure you have the correct kit each week. We will be outside most weeks.

We ask that everyone reads as much as possible at home during the week and that this is recorded in our planners. **Please ensure planners are in school every day.**

Other things to remember: school shoes, ties and water bottles.

Important Dates

Thursday 3rd March – World Book Day

W/B 7th March – Science week

Monday 14th March – International Maths Day

Friday 18th March – Red Nose Day

Friday 8th April – break up for Easter

Attendance

Regular school attendance is an important part of giving children the best possible start in life. The aim should be to attend 100% of the time. We are getting an increased number of holiday requests during term time. All holiday requests during term time will be unauthorised.