



Welcome to the Spring term



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you all had a fabulous Christmas break. Thank you all for your generous gifts. We have lots to look forward to this term including helping the children work hard to ensure they achieve their full potential in all areas.

Working within the Year 5 team for the Spring term is: Mrs Panayi, Miss Pattison, Mrs Brett, Miss Jennings, Mrs Saunders, Miss Mulholland and Mrs Holmes.

Homework:

In Year 5, homework is set on a weekly basis. Literacy is set on a Monday and due back on Wednesday. Maths is set on Wednesday and due back on Friday. Spellings and times tables are set on Friday and tested the following Friday. Weekend homework is set on Friday and due in on Monday. Reading records should be completed at least 3 times a week. Comments should include what the child has read about and an opinion about the text. These should be handed in every Monday.

Homework should take 30 minutes and be well presented in either pencil or blue pen. It will focus on the following:

- Concepts that need reinforcement
- practising, consolidating and using basic skills
- extending a skill already taught
- researching topics.

Curriculum topics:



Literacy:

As writers, we will be studying different genres of writing such as dramatic conventions and instructions. As readers we will be learning about stories from other cultures and performance poetry. Spelling, punctuation and grammar activities will run throughout the term linked to our reading and writing and regular reading comprehension tasks will be set. Please encourage your child to read every night and talk to you about what they are reading. Have fun introducing new vocabulary which you can look up together and challenge each other to use orally.

Mathematics:

As mathematicians, we will be learning about: number and place value using six digit numbers. We will be using approximation and estimation to check results. Addition, multiplication, division, decimals, percentages, measures and geometry - including properties of shape, position, motion and direction will form the basis of our lessons with a huge focus on fractions. We will be applying these skills through word problems which will run alongside all the topics this term. Helping your child to learn their times tables will support all areas of maths.

Science:

As Scientists we will be learning about forces and animals including humans. We will be learning about how different forces can affect the movement of objects. How objects can be balanced and unbalanced and that air resistance acts against objects. We will be learning about the growth of humans and how the changes occur throughout their lives. We will be learning about the gestation period for animals and humans. We will also be continuing to make predictions, carry out investigations, collect results and draw conclusions by conducting different investigations.

Using ICT:

As computer technicians, this term we will be using ICT to research a range of topics and create presentations, using skills such as: clip art, transition times, animations and changing text and colour. We will also be learning about coding and how to program codes to achieve a particular movement.

History and Geography:

As Historians we will be continuing to learn about the Tudors. We will be learning about how rich and poor Tudors live, what they wear and what they eat. We will be discussing the similarities and differences between the rich and the poor. We will also be looking at Tudor objects and investigating their uses.

As Geographers, we will be learning about India. We will be learning about the climate contrast between tropical and temperate zones. We will be using maps and atlases to locate India. We will also be learning about how people live in India and drawing similarities and differences between our own lives. We will be learning about and tasting different foods from India and making naan bread.

Music and Drama:

We will continue to learn to play the recorder with our specialist music teacher, Mr Dolovich from the BYMT. We will be using acting and role play across different curriculum areas to support and enhance learning. We will be learning to respond to the beat, rhythm and pitch of a piece of music and linking these to our topics to compose our own pieces of music.

French:

As linguists we will be learning to speak, read and write through role play, games and activities and much more, enhancing and consolidating the French learned in Year three and Year four. We are very lucky to have Mrs Saunders who is a French specialist working with us.

RE:

As good citizens, we will be studying Christianity. We will learning about what different descriptions of God tell us about what Christians believe in God, how important Jesus is

to Christians, the roles in the Christian community and who is responsible. We will be looking at the holy book for Christians, the Bible and learning about why this is important to Christians.

Art:

As Artists we will be experimenting with colours and line in the style of Van Gogh, creating landscapes, still life and self portraits. Linking with our India topic, we will practise printing with wooden blocks and design our own motif.

Design Technology:

As designers we will be investigating different types of packages and flavours for bread. We will be learning about global food and how these foods are produced. We will be linking this to our Geography topic and making our own naan bread. We will be evaluating our bread.

PSCHE:

As citizens we will focus on what it means to 'dreams and goals' and 'healthy me'. Within these topics we will be looking at how we have similarities and differences with others and celebrating these. We will be thinking about future goals and ambitions for when we grow up and how we can support each other in decisions we make. We will be learning about keeping healthy and making choices about what we eat, how we exercise and have an awareness of smoking, alcohol and drugs and how these can affect our bodies.

PE:

As team players, we will be practising our ball skills in tennis, football, netball and basketball and learning to apply these to a team game. We are very lucky to have Mrs Holmes, who has a sports specialism, teaching us this term.

As dancers, we will be learning to put together short routines to a piece of music.

As gymnasts we will be learning about vaulting over objects as well as building sequences while on the vaults, learning to adapt and improve them.

Please remember that named PE kits should be in school at all times. Trainers are required for outdoor PE and plimsolls are required for indoor PE. Please remember spare socks, as they will get muddy in the winter months.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

1st February- E-safety parent talk 6pm-7pm

21st and 23rd March 2017- Parents evening

23rd March- class photographs

28th March 2017- Year 5 India day

30th March 2017- Sayers Croft parent talk 9:00-9:30am

The Year Five team are looking forward to a happy and successful term with your children. Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Panayi