



Jessie Younghusband School

Year 5 – Curriculum Letter – Autumn Term

Welcome to this term's curriculum letter within which you will find useful information for you to assist your child in their first term in Year 5. A copy of this term's jigsaw sheet, which gives you an overview of the areas of learning and curriculum content that the children will be studying this term, can be found on our school website: www.jys.org.uk .

Reminders:

- Your child's P.E. kit needs to be in school all week, from Monday.
- For the first half of the autumn term, they will need trainers. After the half-term break, they will need football boots (for work on the field) and trainers (for work on the playground), shorts, a t-shirt, football socks and shin pads. The P.E. kit/games kit will be sent home every Friday to be cleaned. As the weather gets colder, the children are allowed to bring in a dark coloured tracksuit.
- The children will also need a named art apron – or old shirt – in school all week. We do activities involving pastels, painting, clay and modroc and the children will need something to protect their uniform and keep it clean.
- Home Learning is usually set on Friday and is usually due to be returned by the following Wednesday. If you have any issues with any of the tasks or activities set, please do let me know.
- Every Monday, the children will bring home spellings. There will then be a spelling test, usually on a Friday.
- We will also assess the children on their quick recall of their times tables each week.
- Regular reading continues to be essential – supporting your child by listening to them read and engaging with them on the content of their reading material will help them to continue to make progress. This could include your child's school reading books, newspapers, magazines, comics, recipe or non-fiction books.

This term:

The autumn term is set to be an exciting one. We will be learning about Forces in the first half term in our topic "Feel the Force".

Our Forces topic has science as its main focus but will also link to literacy, maths, history, art, computing and D&T. There will also be many exciting experiences for us to look forward to, including Year 5 camp and our trip to Paultons Park.



The second half term will be "Get me out of here" which will be a geography based topic around rainforests and jungles with a topical link to the annual "I'm a Celebrity" so look out for bush tucker trials!

The children will have an on-going input into their learning regarding this topic and they will also choose how to present more of their work this term.

Ideas for supporting your child's learning:

- talk about the forces we experience every day and see around our homes and encourage children to ask questions;
- visit the local library;
- develop your child's mental maths with some quick fire questions based on times tables (and related division facts), addition and subtraction of 2 or 3 numbers.

Finally, do you know anyone who...

- is an engineer or has a job involving forces that would like to talk to us?
- has visited a jungle or rainforest that could share their experiences?
- has the time to come in and help us with some art work, cooking or with trips?

If so, please do let me know!

Best wishes,

Mrs Ellis