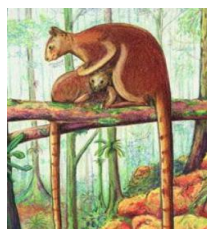


Year 5 News

Autumn Term 2020



Welcome back to the new school year!

Teaching in Year 5 this year will be:
Blue Whales: Mrs Choi, with Mrs O'Sullivan and Ms Kozicz



Tree Kangaroos: Miss Beaman, with Ms Thomas and Mrs Jones.

Learning opportunities

This term, the children will be studying lots of exciting themes through a range of subjects:

English

Writing: Our texts this term are 'The Lost Happy Endings' by Carol Ann Duffy and 'The Strange Case of Origami Yoda' by Tom Angleberger. We will be learning how to develop our descriptive writing in fairytales, focusing on expanded noun phrases and similes. We will also learn about how to develop a comedic tone and use diary entries within narratives.

Reading: As a whole class, we will read a range of genres, making inferences and predictions about the plot, characters and format.

Spelling: We will practise the Year 5 Common Exception words, and learn spelling patterns.

Handwriting: We will be working to produce joined writing, where the lower-case letters are consistently the same size.

Mathematics

The children will be developing their number knowledge and multiplication facts through a range of strategies including Times Table Rockstars, chanting and number games. The topics we will be covering are:

Place Value: Children will be developing their fluency and reasoning with number, including negatives, decimals and numbers to at least 1,000,000.

Four Operations: The children will develop their number knowledge and focus on the four operations, learning to use formal written methods to add and subtract large integers and decimal numbers.

Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE) - Children will be given opportunities to develop friendships, set goals for the year and practise resolving conflicts.

Science: This term we will investigate life cycles, the human circulatory system and healthy lifestyles.

Art: Linking to their history topic, the children will learn about Early Islamic Art and create their own pieces of work incorporating calligraphy, vegetal and geometric designs.

Computing: We will be learning to code, using Purple Mash.

Geography: We will be exploring maps and biomes.

History: The children will learn about the Early Islamic Civilisation and make comparisons to British History.

Languages - The children will learn Spanish with Mr Fisher.

Physical Education – We will be exploring team games such as netball and develop positive sporting behaviour.

Religious Education- The children will learn about Buddhism on a Tuesday with Ms Walmsley.

You can help your child at home by:

- Reading together every day - if your child is not yet a Rainbow Reader, they can access Bug Club online.
- Practise your spellings!
- Rehearse Times Tables on TTRockstars.
- Practise Spanish greetings.

Hello!

The children have made a brilliant start to the term and are adjusting well to the new routines. We have introduced many new things such as regular hand washing, new class names and new house names.

The children will be covering a range of learning opportunities this term through all the curriculum subjects. During the first part of the term the children will experience shorter lessons in writing, reading and mathematics and opportunities for outdoor learning will be planned.

Important Dates this term

Please make a note of the following dates:

1st October: National Poetry Day



Week beginning 9th November: Effort and Excellence Awards

16th November: Anti-bullying week

PE will take place on Tuesday.

Children should have a named PE kit containing a jumper, t-shirt, shorts or trousers and suitable trainers/plimsolls.

Outdoor Learning - As well as accessing the Nature Area on Friday mornings, Year 5 will have increased opportunities to work and explore outside. Please ensure your child brings a coat to school and spare shoes.