



Burwell Village College Primary School

Year 5 Newsletter

Spring 2019

Mrs Bradley, Mrs Egan and Mrs Salters

A very happy new year to everyone and thank you to you and your children for all the lovely Christmas cards and presents. We hope you enjoyed the break and are recharged for 2019.

Thank you, also, to the parents who give up their valuable time helping us with reading and accompanying us to sporting events. We look forward to seeing you at our reading cafes in March.

Please keep reading with your children! Ten minutes per day sharing/reading and discussing a variety of texts with a child has been shown to have considerable benefits.

Spring Term – Examining the Evidence (Artefacts)

English

This term we will be covering balanced arguments, journalistic and narrative writing.

We will focus on grammar relating specifically to the style of writing being covered as well as revisiting and revising what has already been covered.

Spelling: As well as weekly spellings, we will continue to encourage the children to identify and overcome any common spelling errors in their written work. This term most of our weekly spellings will be linked to Spelling Shed. Please contact us via Dojo if your child has lost their log-in for the website. There are also a number of extra spellings on each weekly list to help revise and consolidate previous spelling groups, so please remember to refer to the printed list as well.

Handwriting: As in previous terms, children will focus on joining their handwriting in everyday work.

Guided Reading: Children will continue to hone their comprehension skills through regular guided sessions. They will also have time to read independently.

Home Reading: Please read with your child at least 5 times a week. It is important they have some level of challenge but not so much that they lose the understanding of the plot and fluency. It is also important to justify their opinions through reference to the texts.

Maths

Our focus this term will begin with written multiplication and division. Details of how the written methods are taught throughout the school can be found in the White Rose Calculation Policy on the school website https://www.burwellvillage.cambs.sch.uk/website/maths_resources/384137. Later in the term we will be focusing on the understanding of fractions and decimals.

We will continue to practise the tables facts each child still needs to learn and children will try to speed up their times table recall in a weekly times table challenge.

It is also important that pupils continue to revise their times table facts at home and practise counting forwards and backwards in different jumps e.g. "Let's count forwards in 7s from 5", "Let's count back in 0.3s from 6", "Let's count back in 4s from 20, going into negative numbers".

My Maths is continuing to have a positive impact on the children's progress. Allowing time for your child to access the website will greatly improve your child's ability to learn multiplication tables and related facts, key maths skills and also to consolidate their learning in class.

Science

We will be completing practical investigations on Forces at the start of this term, followed by work on 'Properties and Changes of Materials'. During this unit, children will compare and group together everyday materials, based on properties such as absorbency and thermal and conductivity. They will learn that some substances dissolve in liquid to form a solution, and attempt to separate mixtures through filtering, sieving and evaporation. By the end of the unit, we hope they will also know that some changes are not reversible and result in the formation of new materials, e.g. burning, the action of acid on bicarbonate of soda and rusting.

Topic

Our focus this term is how we can learn about the past through the objects and artefacts left behind. As in the Autumn Term, we will be using Ancient Greece and Tudor England as our lens. We are pleased to have a visitor from Burwell Museum and will be visiting the Fitzwilliam Museum in Cambridge to enrich the experience.

ICT

We will be looking at inputs and outputs using BBC microbits.

PE**Outdoor PE –Tag Rugby**

Children will be introduced to key skills and learn to use them with accuracy, confidence and control. There will be a focus on use of space, attacking and defending.

Indoor PE – We will be developing flexibility, strength, technique, control and balance through Tudor dancing.

RE:

We will explore how the teachings of different religions affect their response to environmental issues.

PSHE (Personal, Social & Health Education)

In this unit, children will learn about their basic rights, and how these apply to children worldwide through the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child. They will consider the ways in which people, including themselves, are responsible at a variety of levels for ensuring that these rights are protected.

Art / Design Technology

The children will be studying the artwork on Greek Pots and also recreating a Tudor House front in clay.

Homework

Homework will remain the same as during the Autumn term. It will be handed out on a **Friday** and should be returned on a **Wednesday**.

Important dates

- 5A Class Assembly – Friday 25th January 2019
- Young Voices Concert- Tuesday 29th January 2019
- Half Term: Friday 15th (closure day) - Friday 22nd February 2019

Parents Consultations:

Tuesday 26th and Thursday 28th February 2019. This is an opportunity to discuss the progress since the Autumn parents' evenings and the children's targets for the Spring and Summer terms. Please note that, to allow teachers to get through the entire class, the appointments are for 10 minutes.

General Information.**School Uniform**

All items must be named: white or blue shirt; blue and white checked or striped dress; school sweatshirt, navy cardigan or sweater; grey trousers or shorts; navy skirt or trousers. School uniforms can be ordered and paid for via the school website. Links from the website www.burwellvillage.cambs.sch.uk also enable parents to pay for school meals and educational visits.

Indoor P.E. Kit

Blue or black shorts and plain white T-shirt only – please ensure that your child comes to school with the correct P.E. kit every week. Outdoor P.E. kit must include warm top, tracksuit trousers and trainers. Water bottles are encouraged and should be taken home and washed regularly.