

Welcome to Year 5!

Welcome to Year 5! It is wonderful to see the children back at school after such a long time away. They have settled back in to school – and the new routines – very well indeed. I am very proud of them already. I think that they are happy to be back with their friends and are getting stuck into their work. There are lots of new procedures routines in place to keep up safe in our bubble, which we are all adapting to.

In our first few weeks we have spent lots of time establishing these new routines and getting used to the new normal in school. We have also been looking at van Gogh's artwork and developing our art skills. The children have also completed a number of assessment tasks in English and Maths so that the work ahead is pitched at the right level.

Meet the Team:

There are four key members of staff in our bubble:



Mrs Coe



Mrs Farley



Mrs Mckeown

(PPA / SEND cover teachers)

Mrs Sawdon

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This term we will be studying the following three topics:

OURSELVES – We will look at how we are all created in the image and likeness of God

LIFE CHOICES – This topic will focus on the sacrament of marriage, commitment and service to others.

HOPE – As we approach the season of Advent, our focus will be upon waiting in the joyful hope for Jesus, the promised one.

English

During the first few weeks, we are looking at a wonderful picture book by Oliver Jeffers called 'Here We Are. We chose this book to build a sequence of work around because it provides a powerful vehicle for children to reflect on and make sense of the world we are all living in now. The words and pictures work together to help children to understand their place in the world and to move forward together in a positive and constructive way.

The children will be writing poems, letters and stories based upon this book and be reflecting upon the things that are important to them on planet earth.

Our class novels this term are:



As we move onto our Egypt topic, the children will be writing instructions, stories, travel guides and more. We will have a big focus on spelling, punctuation and grammar as always.

Maths

Most days will begin with 'five a day' maths questions for the children to complete when they come into school.

Daily maths lessons this term will focus on consolidating Year 4 key skills as well as moving on to Year 5 skills as soon as the children are ready.

We will continue to develop and strengthen our mental arithmetic and reasoning skills across all operations. This term, our focus will be on place value, formal written methods of addition and subtraction and multiplication and division. Children will also learn more about finding the area and perimeter of shapes.

It is vital that children continue to practice their Times Table and division facts regularly. The ability to recall these helps massively across so many areas of maths and helps children to feel more confident.

PE

PE will take place on Mondays and Thursdays this half term. Please make sure your child has a PE kit in school. This should be a plain white T-shirt, black/blue short and plimsols or trainers. Jogging bottoms and tracksuit jumpers can be left in school too as we will get outdoors for as many PE lessons as possible. This term, we are very lucky to have Mr Jenkinson with us on a Monday afternoon who will be delivering sessions entitled Live It and Get Active. During each session, he will be teaching the children about nutrition and a healthy lifestyle as well as an hour of fitness skills and activities.

Home reading

The more that you read,
The more things you will know.
The more that you learn,
The more places you'll go.
-Dr. Seuss

Your child has a reading book to keep at home until their reading day in school. Please listen to your child read as often as possible and make a record of it in their reading record. Please only send the book and record into school on their reading day. Please encourage children to read anything that is age appropriate and something they enjoy!

Science

Mrs McKeown will deliver the first science topic in which the children will learn about...

After half term, Mrs Sawdon will return from maternity leave and will be ready and raring to go with our Earth and Space topic



Homework

To limit the resources being sent between home and school, homework will be posted on the Google Classroom every Friday and will need to be completed by the following Friday morning. The sheets will be printable but books to work in will be sent home for your child to work in if it makes life easier! Homework will include:

- Spellings to learn for a test in school the following Thursday
- Maths activity
- English activity
- Times Table Rockstars

Answers will be uploaded so that parents/carers can mark the work with their child.

Computing

This term, the children will be developing computer skills that allow them to be able to:

- ✦ Use coding to create online games
- ✦ Use publishing skills to create E-Safety posters.
- ✦ Develop research skills to support learning across the curriculum.

Topic

This term, we will develop key skills in geography and history as we learn what life was like in ancient Egypt. We will read a rich variety of texts which will inform, entertain and excite as we learn about key figures in history and traditional tales from ancient Egypt. The children will learn about the physical and human geography of Egypt and the importance of the River Nile in daily life then and now. They will become experts in mummification and learn about the beliefs and religion of the period as well as use a range of sources as evidence.