

Welcome to Year 5!

We are delighted to be welcoming you back for what we hope will be a brilliant year. We have enjoyed making a start to the year and look forward to teaching a full and fun curriculum.

While we are aiming for a more ‘normal’ academic year, we are prioritising your children’s well being and will be doing our best to make sure pupils are secure and settled as they make the transition to UKS2.

We will use Class Dojo to contact you for more informal things, however if you want a quick response, please email us. You can leave a message with the office for us to call you if you need to speak to us.

Mr Clyne and Mrs Doe

Homework

Thank you for your ongoing support with your child’s learning at home. In Year 5 we will be using a homework grid that includes All About Me and 40 Things, as well as subject-based homework tasks. In the next few weeks, we will introduce a compulsory weekly Maths task and weekly spelling tests. We also ask that you continue to encourage your child to read on four separate days each week and to record this in their reading record.

Creative Curriculum

In our first topic of Year 5, we will be looking at key events of World War II and particularly the effect on children. In topic lessons, we will learn about evacuation and the Blitz. Many of our other lessons across the curriculum will also be linked to this topic.

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English

This half term we will begin by reading Michael Morpurgo’s ‘Friend or Foe’ to understand the characters and events of this evacuation story. We will then use this, in conjunction with a variety of drama strategies, to stimulate our own descriptive writing. We will also read, plan and write reports based on our topic. Reading will be a mix of whole-class and group reading sessions. Grammar will be taught once a week separately, and consolidated in our daily English lessons.

Maths

During this half term, we begin with place value, ensuring that the children have a solid understanding of numbers up to a million as well as negative numbers. Later in the half term we will move onto addition and subtraction, developing mental and written skills and the use of estimation. As always, we will be consolidating key skills before applying them in problem solving and reasoning tasks. Practice of mental maths, including times tables, will continue this half term.

Science

We begin by looking at life cycles of plants and extending our understanding through work in the garden. We learn about the structure of a flower and the different ways in which plants disperse their seeds. We will then begin our Materials topic, exploring properties of materials and how they change.

Art & Design Technology

We will be using WWII as inspiration for our own modern day ‘Make do and mend’ projects and Blitz artwork.

Computing

We will be developing our word processing skills, learning about E-Safety and developing our coding skills using Purple Mash.

PE

This term we are swimming on Tuesdays and have our outdoor games with the sports coaches on Thursdays. Please make sure your child has the correct kit on these days. For swimming, can the children please be ‘beach ready’ to save time getting changed at the pool and remember to bring a healthy snack too. They will also need trainers in school every day for other outdoor activities.

RE and PSHE

Our RE this year starts with Judaism and its key values. Our PSHE work will look at wellbeing as well as how to set and work towards goals.

Music

We will be listening to some of the music from WWII as well as learning songs that were popular during that time.