

Welcome to Year 5!

We are delighted to be welcoming you back for what we hope will be a brilliant year.

It was lovely to see so many of you at the Meet the Teacher meeting and we look forward to getting to know everyone as we go through the school year.

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. Please note all messages regarding collection or absences need to go through the office.

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.

We are also looking forward to inviting parents into school to view a performance related to our World War Two learning, on the afternoon of Monday 17th October. Further details will be sent nearer the time.

Goodnight Children Everywhere



English

This half term we will be 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 DEAL (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 work based on wartime artists..

Computing

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

PE/Games

We have indoor PE on a Monday and outdoor Games on a Thursday. Please ensure your child has their correct PE kit.

We will be swimming in Spring term and will give you full details in advance.

RE and PSHE

Our RE this year considers big questions around the idea of faith.

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.