

Year 5 Newsletter – Spring 2

Welcome

Welcome back to term 4, we hope you have had a lovely half term break. This term we will be very busy in class with our new learning.

Spelling and Reading

In reading this term our class text will be The Explorer. We will also be reading non-fiction texts based on our learning in science, history, geography and RE.



PLEASE ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILD TO GO ONTO SPELLING SHED REGULARLY TO PRACTISE THEIR WEEKLY SPELLINGS

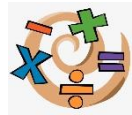
Writing

In English we will be analysing and performing the classic poem, The Highwayman. We will also be studying Shakespeare's Macbeth. Finally, we will be using our knowledge gained in our geography lessons to write an essay about how the physical features of Australia are different to the UK.



Maths

In maths we will continue to work on fractions. We will be multiplying fractions, finding fractions of amounts and finding the value of a whole. We will also be learning about decimals and percentages and how they relate to one another.



PLEASE ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILD TO GO ONTO TT ROCKSTARS REGULARLY TO PRACTISE THEIR TIMES TABLES.

Science

In science, our topic this term is Forces. We will be looking at different types of forces such as gravity, air resistance and buoyancy.



Computing

In computing we will look at data and information in flat-file databases.



Art & Design/Design & Technology

In art we will be learning about Chinese printing and ceramics. In DT we will be cooking flat breads and honey cakes.



Geography/History

In geography this term we are studying Australia. We will be learning that Australia is a large and diverse country, that Canberra is the capital city and about the different biomes in Australia.



In history we will be learning about the transatlantic slave trade. We will look at why the slave trade developed, the conditions on board the ships for the enslaved Africans, life in America for the slaves and how the slave trade was abolished.

Music

This term we will be exploring different musical styles and asking the social question – How does music teach us about our community?



PE

PE days are **Monday and Wednesday** so please remember to send your child to school dressed in PE kit on those days.

Children may stay in PE kit all day. **Long hair to be tied up** and **no jewellery please**. Thank you.



Topics taught this term: Multiskills and Athletics.

PSHE

Teaching Unit: Healthy me

In this unit we will look at the affects of smoking and alcohol on our bodies, how social media can promote certain body images and how to make healthy lifestyle choices.



RE

In RE we will be asking how significant is it for Christians to believe that God intended Jesus to die?



Reminders

As a reminder, our school uniform for key stage 2 is a white shirt with a purple cardigan/ jumper with black trousers/skirt and black shoes.

Children are expected to read at home daily. Reading records should be brought into school each Friday for Dojo points to be awarded.

Homework

Homework Project

For their homework project this term children could research the transatlantic slave trade ships and make a model or create a picture of one. They could research a part of Australia and create a presentation about this or they could make a model or draw a picture of a famous Australian landmark or animal.



We encourage every child to spend at least 30 minutes on TT Rockstars multiplication practice a week.

We also encourage your child to go onto Ed Shed for Spelling practice - Minimum 2-3 sessions each week.

We have our weekly spelling check each Thursday.

Please encourage your child to read! They are expected to read at home daily. Reading records should be brought into school every day for Dojo points to be awarded.



Skills Builder

The Skills Builder Universal Framework provides a common language for building essential skills with children and young people.

Research shows that building essential skills supports social and emotional wellbeing, learning and academic outcomes and careers and opportunities



Times Tables Rockstars



Spelling Shed



Rewards

The children will receive 'Dojo Points' as reward for good behaviour, work and attitude. Points can be 'spent' on prizes periodically.



Class information

Class Teacher: Mrs Morgan

Please remember to **name your child's school jumper or cardigan.**

We request that all children bring a named water bottle to school every day.

Please remember if you are making your child a packed lunch, we ask you not to put anything in that contains nuts.



Dates for the diary!

Spring 2

Monday 24th February – School reopens to pupils

Thursday 6th March – World Book Day

Monday 10th to Thursday 13th March – Book fair

Wednesday 19th March – Parents Consultation Evening 3pm – 6.30pm

Thursday 20th March – Parents Consultation Evening 3pm – 5.30pm

Thursday 20th March – Class photos

Thursday 27th March – Nursery new intake meeting 3.30pm

Thursday 3rd April – Whole School production 'The Hobbit' 9.30am followed by Y5 & Y6 workshop

Friday 4th April – School closes for Easter