

## Year 5 Newsletter – Spring 2

### Welcome

Welcome back, we hope you have had a lovely break. This term we have lots of exciting learning to complete. Our main topic for the term is UK countries, counties and land use. As with last term, our homework will be handed out on a Thursday to be handed in the following Tuesday. As a reminder, children can change their reading book on any day. Reading records will be collected in each Friday and Dojo points will be given out for the number of times children have read to an adult.

### Spelling and Reading

This term we will continue to test spelling on a Tuesday and new spellings will be sent home on this day. In reading we are continuing to work on our inference and explanation skills as well as retrieval. As a reminder, children are expected to log on to Spelling Shed to practise their weekly spellings and books, which match children's reading levels, are on Ebooks. Dojo points are given for children using both these platforms weekly.



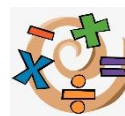
### Writing

In English this term we will be writing letters of complaint, non-chronological reports linked to our geography topic about the human and physical features of the UK and playscripts. We will be continuing to develop our vocabulary as well as adding parenthesis to our writing. We will also be working on including more complex sentence types in our writing, including relative clauses and starting our sentences in different ways.



### Maths

In maths we will continue to work on fractions. We will be adding, subtracting and multiplying fractions as well as finding fractions of amounts. We will then move on to changing fractions into decimals and looking at the relationships between fractions, decimals and percentages.



### Science

Our science topic this term is reproduction in plants and animals. We will learn about the different parts of plants and flowers and how different plants reproduce in different ways. We will then compare how mammals, amphibians, insects and birds reproduce.



### Computing

In computing we will be learning about coding. We will learn how to create effective codes, use if/else functions, repeat functions and number variables.



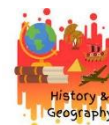
### Art & Design

Our art topic this term is drawing: I need space. In this unit we will select and place fabric to create a calligraphic plate. We will continue to develop the use of our sketchbooks. Finally, we will create a background print to draw our final sketches over the top of.



### Geography

Our geography topic this term is UK countries, counties and land use. In this topic we will look at the countries that make up the UK and the counties of England. We will use maps and photographs to investigate the human and physical features of the UK and look at different land uses. Finally, we will compare farming in two different regions.



### Music

In music we will be learning about old school hip-hop. We will learn to perform, The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air.



**PE**

This term we will be swimming on a Thursday morning. Children need to be in school for 8:25 to leave school to walk to the pool as our pool time begins at 9:00.

**PSHE**

Our topic this term is healthy me.

**RE**

Our RE topic this term is about Holy Week and Easter

**Homework Project**

To create a project about parts of a flower or the lifecycle of flowers and plants. Or you could research the counties of the UK, make a model of a physical feature of the UK (e.g. a hill with a river running down it, a natural feature found at the coast). Or you could find out about food produced in the UK and annotate a map to show where food you have eaten has come from.

Please see the separate homework information sheet sent home.

**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

**Teaching Assistants:** Mrs Bradley

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 and as the weather is warmer a sun hat and sun cream.

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!**

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March** – World Book Day – Choose your own theme. Dressing up as your favourite book character!

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March** – Singing club children at The Big Sing at the Derngate, Northampton

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March** – Sublime Science Workshops

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March**– Parents Evening; 3.30-6pm

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March**– Parents Evening; 3.30-5pm

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March** – Red Nose Day

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March** - Global Recycling Day

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March** – World Poetry Day

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March** – Class photos

**Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March** – School closes for Easter