

Year 5 Autumn Information Letter

Dear parents

We are excited to welcome you and your children into Year 5 and look forward to getting to know them during the first few weeks of term. The children have settled in very well and are already working so very hard.

Curriculum Overview – Topics

This term we will be working with the children on our topics ‘**A Kingdom United and Global Food.**’ The table below gives you an overview of what the children will cover in each of the foundation subjects in these topics.

Geography	History
UK cities, counties and key features	Anglo – Saxons
Science	Science
Material’s Properties	Materials – reversible and irreversible changes
Design and Technology	Art and Design
Food From Around The World – Food Tech	Anglo Saxon Brooches
PE	Music
Gymnastics Hockey Netball Dance	Listening to and performing a range of music from around the UK including anthems
Computing	Computing
IT - data handling	DL / CS - collaboration / networking
PSHE	PSHE
My Happy Mind - Meet your Brain What makes up a person’s identity?	My Happy Mind - Celebrate What decisions can people make with money?
RE	RE
How and why do Christians read the Bible? Why are sacred texts so important to people of faith? Sikhism, Buddhism, Judaism.	How is Christmas celebrated around the world?

English

We will study a range of different themes to include: Legends – Beowulf by Michael Morpurgo, Classic narrative poetry – The Highway Man, Persuasion – Leaflets/Tourist Information and Descriptive Writing – Polar Express by Chris Van Allsburg. SPAG will continue to play an essential part in the children’s writing and the children will have daily sessions of ‘Spagtastic’ alongside their literacy hour.

Reading

Reading is essential, and as the children are developing their use of grammar and expanding their vocabulary in Year 5, it is important that they continue to read a variety of books to support them in their learning. The children are expected to read with an adult for 15/20 minutes at least 3 times a week, this needs to be signed by an adult and a comment about how they read should be written into their reading diary. The children are also encouraged to read to themselves and leave comments in their reading records, discussing what they have read.



Maths

This term we will cover topics on place value, addition and subtraction, multiplication and division and fractions. Alongside these topics the children will continue to practice arithmetic and problem solving tasks each week. It is also essential that the children practice their times tables and it is vital that they can recall their times tables instantly, as so much of their mathematical learning in years 5 and 6 is based upon them. Please allow your children to practice on Mathsframe and Purple Mash – logins can be found in the children’s diaries.



Physical Education and Games

Our PE sessions are a Wednesday and Friday. For both sessions, the children will need their full PE kits including appropriate footwear (trainers or plimsoles).



Homework

This year homework throughout school is taking a new format. For Year 5, every Tuesday, weekly SPaG and Maths quizzes will be set on SPAG.com and Maths.co.uk. Children have a week to complete these activities, and they are designed to recap prior knowledge and test new learning covered in Year 5. Logins can be found in the children’s diaries. Weekly spellings go home on a Friday and are tested on the following Friday. Please ensure your child has their spelling book in school on a Friday for their new spellings to be stuck in. Half termly a ‘Homework Menu’ is set with activities that link to the half termly topic and cover different subjects across the curriculum.

Teachers and Teaching Assistant

Mrs Dawson is the Year 5 class teacher and Mrs Hargreaves is the Year 5 class T.A.

Useful websites:

SPaG.com: <https://www.spag.com/>
Maths.co.uk: <https://www.maths.co.uk/>
PURPLE MASH: <https://www.2simple.com/purple-mash/>
MathsFrame: <https://mathsframe.co.uk/>



We look forward to getting to know you and your child throughout the year and if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Many thanks for your support

Mrs. L. Dawson & Mrs. L. Hargreaves