

Curriculum Letter for Year 5 - Autumn Term 2 2023

General Information

We have an exciting term ahead of us! We look forward to taking part in some enrichment opportunities in the local community, this term. Year 5 children will continue with swimming lessons and take part in Parliament Week in November with Year 6.

Curriculum

Maths: This half term the pupils will focus on understanding multiples, factors & squares. They will be exploring mental strategies for multiplication & division and select appropriate strategies to solve problems. The pupils will also be using and explaining multiplication and division methods. After that, we will end the term investigating area and perimeter of rectilinear shapes and estimate area of nonrectilinear shapes.

English: We will start the half term with a mystery novel by J.T Williams, *The Lizzie and Belle Mysteries: Drama and Danger*. The story is set in Georgian London and follows the burgeoning friendship and investigation of Lizzie and Belle, who are determined to solve this mystery. Lessons will include creating posters, writing formal letters, creating dialogue and a fact file about the significance of the Somerset ruling. The main outcome of this unit will be to write a biography of Ignatius Sancho as a celebration of Sancho's extraordinary life.

After, we will study *The Listeners*, a poem by Walter De La Mare. We will begin by exploring and analysing the language within the poem to define and provide context for the events of the story. The language used within the poem is archaic and therefore we have to use the context to identify and explore meanings which provides a wonderful way to look at word classes and etymology.

Science: This half term our unit is *Let's Get Moving*. In this unit the children learn about forces and machines. They start with the force of gravity then study friction forces, including air and water resistance, before investigating how simple machines work.

Geography: Our unit will be '*Changes in our Local Environment*'. We will think about how our country is changing. Focusing on our local area, Enfield, we will look at how our area has looked in the past, present and the change we expect to see in the future.

Art: This half term, we move onto painting and mixed media. This will involve students developing their own self-portraits in Mixed-Media, using single line portrait drawings and thinking about using different materials to develop their portraits.

Music: Our music unit for this term is *Classroom jazz*. The children will also be using glockenspiels, recorders and British Sign Language to accompany songs.

RE: We will be exploring a unit on Wisdom, focusing on the questions: Why is wisdom important? What wisdom can you offer and from where does this wisdom come? We will finish the half term exploring a unit called '*How do art and music convey Christmas?*' This involves exploring similarities and differences of how artists and musicians express their beliefs related to the Nativity narrative.

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PSHE: We begin by focusing on Citizenship and Parliament Week. After this, we will finish our unit on Health and Wellbeing by looking at the topics of Taking Responsibility for Our Emotions and Healthy Eating.

French: Our unit for this half term is *Au salon de thé* (At the Tea Room). In this unit, students will learn how to say the name of some common food and drink, order food and ask for the bill, in French.

Class Reads: We will continue *Holes* by Lewis Sachar

PE Days

Outdoor PE is timetabled for Thursdays with Coach Romaine. All children must wear their PE kits to school. We also have indoor PE on Tuesdays. Indoor PE kits will stay in school. Swimming lessons are on Monday mornings. *While the children are having swimming lessons, they will not have an indoor PE session.*

Reading and Spellings

Reading at home: Children may read a book from home or school. Their reading record must be bought home daily and be acknowledged by an adult at home weekly.

Reading at school: Children may pick a book from the class selection or from home. Reading records should be updated daily by the pupil and will be checked by staff weekly.

Spellings: We will be looking at a different spelling rule weekly. This may be reinforced through our spelling homework.

Homework

Homework will be set every Friday on *Microsoft Teams* and is due in the following Wednesday. Children may also be set homework on MyMaths or Purple Mash – this will be indicated on the work set on *Teams*.

Key Dates

Parliament Week	Mon 6 th - Fri 10 th November
Anti-Bullying Week	Mon 13 th -Fri 17 th November
Parents Evenings	14 th and 16 th November
Visit to St. Andrew's Church	Thurs 23 rd November
PTA Christmas Fair	Fri 24 th November
Geography local walk	Wed 29 th November
End of Term	Wed 20th December at 2pm