

Curriculum Letter for Year 5 – Spring 2 Term 2024

General Information

Welcome back after the half term. We must congratulate everyone for the fantastic Solar System projects last term. What a super exhibition in the last week. We look forward to seeing more of your creativity throughout the rest of the year.

Curriculum

Maths: This half term, we will focus on fractions and percentage. This will involve adding and subtracting fractions, multiplying fractions, introducing percentage and solving problems involving percentage and fractions. Later in the term, we will focus on transformation: consolidating translation and coordinates, translating polygons across zero and exploring reflections and translations.

English: After the half term, we will continue our study of *Children of the Benin Kingdom* by Dinah Orji by planning, writing and editing a non-chronological report on the Kingdom of Benin.

Our next book will be *The Strange Case of Origami Yoda* by Tom Angleberger. The children will make predictions, explore the history and meaning of origami, and write a short set of instructions for How to Make an Origami Yoda. Children will also explore the form of diary writing. The final write will be a discussion text.

Science: Our topic this term '*Amazing Changes*'. For this unit the children learn about materials, how they change and which changes are reversible and irreversible. The unit concludes by looking at how these properties are applied in the real world.

Geography: Our Geography unit this term is '*A study of the Alpine Region*'. In this unit, the children will learn about the Alpine region of Europe and how the Alps were formed and how homes are adapted to the climate. They will study physical and political maps, how avalanches have influenced the landscape and way up and the pros and cons of tourism in the region.

Music: Our Charanga unit for this term is '*Make you feel my love*' by Adele. Many children, who play instruments, including recorder, will have the opportunity to perform this music, as part of the lesson.

RE: This term, our core focus is on the concept of salvation. We will be learning about what happens in churches during Lent, Holy Week and Easter Sunday.

D&T: In D&T we will be looking at structures with a focus on bridges. Building on our understanding of Pavilions last year, we will identify which structures make the strongest bridges. From there we will design and build truss bridges out of wood using the appropriate tools.

PSHE: In the first part of the half term, we will finish our unit on '*Family and Relationships*' covering friendships, relationships, and family life. After that, we will move onto '*Citizenship*', when we will learn about what happens when laws are broken, children's rights and responsibilities and the role of pressure groups.

French: This half term we will be learning about keeping a healthy lifestyle, *Manager et Bouger*. Students will be able to say and write what we eat and drink to stay healthy, learn the activities we do and do not do to stay in shape including a choice of physical activities and follow a simple, healthy recipe in French.

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Class Reads: Our class read for this half term will be *'Bridge to Terabithia'* by Katherine Paterson.

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.

Reading and Spellings

Reading at home: Children may read a book from home or school. Their reading record must be bought home daily and 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. The statutory spellings for Y5 and 6 have been uploaded to Teams. These will be practised and used in writing throughout the year.

Homework

Homework will be set every Friday on *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

World Book Day - Dress up Day	Thursday 7th March
PTA Wonka Bar sale after school	Thursday 7th March
Online Parent meetings	Tuesday 19th and Thursday 21st March
5B leading Easter Service 10am	Wednesday 27 th March
Term ends at 2pm	Thursday 28th March