Year 5 Autumn Term 2 Newsletter

Dear Parents/ Carers,
Welcome back to Autumn 2. It was great to get to know all the children again and they all have had a great first half term. Here's to an exciting Autumn 2.

English

We will be starting a new book this half term: Beowulf by Michael Morpurgo. This will fit in with our history topic of the Anglo-Saxons. This book will be a class read but also be the stimulus for our writing. We will be writing poems in the style of Kennings, a persuasive speech as Beowulf and finally, we will be writing a narrative based on the battle scene of Beowulf.

Please encourage your child to read daily, even if it's only for 10 minutes. This could be a mixture of reading to themselves or reading to an adult. Children are also encouraged to come to Early Morning Reading from 8:30am at least once per week.

Maths

We will be starting the term off by looking at multiplication and division. We will focus on mental methods and formal written methods when dividing as well as dividing and multiplying by 10, 100 and 1,000. After this, year five will be looking at fractions. This will involve reading and writing fractions, adding and subtracting fractions, multiplying fractions as well as converting fractions from mixed number to improper.

Times tables will still be a huge part of our maths learning this year. The children should already know **ALL** of their times tables and division facts for the 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12 times tables. Please keep counting and testing your children on their times tables – any help at home is very much appreciated. Your child has a Times Tables Rockstar login so please encourage children to go online, log into their account and practice their times tables too. Little and often is the key to success – 10 minutes a day is enough for it to have a positive impact on children's times tables knowledge. If you need your child's log in details, please just ask me.

Science

In Science we will be concentrating on physics. Year five will be learning about forces. They will be recapping friction and looking at its uses. They will be investigating the effects of water resistance and air resistance as well as starting to understand pulleys, gears and levers.

History

In History this half term, Year 5 will be answering the question: How did the Anglo-Saxons rule Britain? This topic will focus on why the Anglo-Saxons came to Britain, how they ruled Britain, daily life for Anglo-Saxon's in Britain and how the Anglo-Saxon period ended.

R.E.

R.E. this half term will focus on Sikhism. The question the children will be answering is: How do Sikhs express their beliefs?

P.E.

Year 5 will have PE on **Wednesday & Fridays.** Please ensure your child is in their PE kit on these days. PE is often outdoors so please dress appropriately. They are concentrating on gymnastics, dance and netball this half term.

Computing

This half term year five will be focussing on online safety and spreadsheets. All computing lessons are taught on purple mash so the children can log in at home and keep practicing their computing skills.

Music

This half term Year 5 will be using the topic classroom jazz. This unit will focus on jazz music. The children will be listening to the music, appraising it and trying to play parts of it whilst singing along to songs.

PSHE

PSHE this half term will continue to focus on healthy lifestyles as well as mental health. PSHE is an important subject as it helps children develop social skills, empathy and respect in this ever-changing world.

MFL – French

This half term, year 5 will revisit the phonics what they have learnt so far and we will recap days of the week, months of the year and numbers 1-31.

Art

Year 5 will be creating their own 3D sculptures based on Anglo-Saxon jewellery. They will be researching why jewellery was important to the Anglo-Saxons and looking at the materials and patterns used.

Homework

Children can choose to complete a piece of homework from the 'homework menu' in their homework books.

Children in KS2 are expected to read their reading books daily for 15 minutes and spend 5 minutes on times tables rockstars.

School Facebook

If you would like to see regular updates of our learning and to keep up to date with school life, follow our school facebook account! It contains lots of information from different agencies within our community as well as useful reminders. Scan the QR code and follow us now!

It has been great to see so many of you at the start and the end of the school day – if you have any questions, I am always happy to try and answer them for you.

Many thanks, Miss Nadim