

ASPIRE



Year 5 Half Termly Update Autumn Term 1

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school! We hope you had a wonderful summer and enjoyed the sunshine. Each half term we will update you on what is being taught so you are able to support your child's learning at home as best you can. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions about anything at all, we are more than happy to arrange a meeting to discuss your queries. Meet the Teacher will take place on **Thursday 14th September at 3:30** where we will give you an overview of the year, we hope to see many of you there.

Many thanks,
Year 5 Team

English -Writing

We based our Writing activities around our Reading book- Kensuke's Kingdom. We started by writing a ship log from the perspective of Michael's (the main characters) mother, describing the build up to Michael falling overboard. Later in the term, we wrote a news paper article, describing how Michael went missing and what is being done about it.

English -Reading

We are reading Kensuke's Kingdom. We will be learning about the characters in the book and making predictions based on what we have read. We will be thinking about the meaning of words in context as well as summarising what we have read. We will have reading for pleasure sessions where children can read their choice of book and share what they have been reading.

Science

We are learning about Forces this term. We will identify the different forces there are, we will think about why objects fall. Our investigations will include investigating the effects of air resistance, water resistance and friction. We will make links with real life and consider when some forces can be useful and sometimes they are not useful. We will then create a mechanism thinking carefully about pulleys, levers and gears.

Maths

This half term, we will be focusing on three main units. In the first unit, the children will focus on place value up to one million. We will look at the different ways to partition a six-digit number and quick ways to add multiples of hundreds and thousands. Throughout the topic, we will be focusing on sequencing numbers, before finishing the topic by looking at negative numbers. The second topic, will be addition and subtraction; within this topic, the children will look at adding and subtracting numbers with up to six-digits. The final topic covered this term, will be statistics, where we looked at solving problems using bar graphs, two-way tables and timetables.

Zones of Regulation

This half term we will be learning about The Zones of Regulation. This programme aims to teach children strategies to help them to identify their emotions and cope with these feelings so they can get back to feeling calm and ready to learn.

Geography

This term we will be exploring Scandinavia. We will be using maps and atlases to find Scandinavia and learn the names of the capital cities. We will be looking at the physical features of Scandinavia and also the impact of climate change. We will then look at some similarities and differences between Scandinavia and the UK.

Music

The children will take part in music assembly once a week led by our Music teacher, Lena. During the assembly, they will be working on a range of vocal and performance skills.

P.E.

The children have two P.E. lessons a week. Children should come dressed to school in their P.E. kit every Monday and Tuesday. On Monday the children will be taught by Ellis. They will be focusing on invasion games. On Tuesday, the children will participate in either gymnastics or dance and this will be led by their class teacher.

Homework

Weekly spelling will be tested on Friday and new spelling homework will be given out on Friday every week too. Please practise the spellings with your child. Doodle Maths homework should be completed with daily practise too.