

ASPIRE



Year 5 Half Termly Update Autumn Term 2

Dear Parents,

We have officially completed one half term of Year 5! The Year 5 Team have been incredibly impressed by the efforts of the children. We hope that this continues throughout the half term as we make our way towards the Christmas break. We have an exciting term ahead of us! We have our exciting trip to the Harry Potter Warner Studios on Friday 24th November 2023, please do not forget to sign the permissions slips and hand them to your child's class teacher.

Many thanks,
Year 5 Team

Writing

We will be reading Harry Potter and the philosopher stone and The Highwayman. During the Harry Potter unit, children will create their own wizardry character and look carefully at the text to discuss the authors choices of words and consider how the writing has been developed. They will use this to note down their initial ideas and begin to develop these. Children will think carefully about choosing specific vocabulary for a desired effect and draft their work. meaning.

Reading

We are reading Skellig this half term! We will base our reading activities around the book. This will include what we understand about the characters, having a debate about home-schooling, as well as making predictions. We will continue to have reading for pleasure sessions where children can read their choice of book and share what they have been reading.

Maths

Our first unit this half term is 'multiplication and division'; children will look at finding multiples, factors and common factors of a number, before moving on to multiplication methods. We will look at easy ways to multiply and divide a number by 10, 100 and 1000. Our second unit is measurement, where we will learn how to find the perimeter and area of rectilinear shapes, before looking at irregular shapes.

Please do take time to practise your child's times table as this is a crucial for them during this unit of work. Thanks.

Science

We are learning about Earth and space. We will learn how many planets there are in our solar system. We will also learn about the Earth's movement and how many days there are in a year and think about whether the Earth is constantly moving. We will look at true and false statements about the moon and consider whether the moon is a source of light, how it orbits the Earth and identify the different phases of the moon. We will also look at Helen Sharman, a famous British chemist.

History

During our History lessons, the children will study the Anglo-Saxons. We will be looking at why the Anglo-Saxons came to Britain and whether they were 'settlers' or 'invaders'. We will be studying various sources, which provide us with the information about them and we will be learning the difference between a primary and a secondary source. We will finish the unit by applying our knowledge of invaders to a story called 'The Conquerors'; the children will apply their knowledge to determine whether a general was an invader.

P.E.

Children will continue to have 2 P.E. lessons a week. Children should arrive at school in their P.E. kit every Tuesday as they will have P.E. as their first lesson on that day. P.E. will continue to be taught by Ellis on Friday. This term, the children will participate in gymnastics and dance!

Homework

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