



Year 5

Half Termly Update

Spring Term 1

Dear Parents,

Welcome back! We hope your children had a restful holiday and have come back ready to work hard. Year 5 had the lowest attendance in the school last half term so please ensure your child is in school every day, on time, so that they can learn and fulfil their enormous potential!

Throughout the term, the children will continue to receive homework on Fridays (please see homework books for grids and weekly spellings). It's really important that your child reads every day at home as reading is the biggest indicator of success later in life. Please sign their reading diary every night. Your child will be invited to a lunchtime book club if they have not read. We would also like to give a warm welcome to the new member of our team Jo who will be teaching in MLK every Thursday.

English -Reading

This term, we are reading *There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom* by Louis Sachar. Firstly, the children will become familiar with the characters in the novel. The children will learn to use clues in the text to infer and help them discuss what the characters say and do.

We will discuss author's choice of language to describe the characters and give our opinion using evidence from the text. We will answer retrieval questions and discuss and summarise events.

English -Writing

Our writing tasks will be based around the class novel. We will start by looking at the features of a playscript and then write and perform our own script based on the text.

We will then complete a character comparison in English and then hot seat in character to understand them better. This will help them to delve deeper into the mind of the character by answering questions in role. We will also write an email in role to one of the other characters in the book.

Maths

The pupils will begin maths in the new year by looking at 'Multiplication and Division'; we will learn how to multiply up to a 4-digit number by a 2-digit number, looking at different ways to do this. We will then move on to start our next unit: 'Fractions', which will continue into the next term. The children will begin this unit by learning how to add, subtract fractions, and compare fraction as well as learning to calculate equivalent fractions.

Science

We are learning about properties and changes of materials this term. We will describe a material's properties and explain the uses of different materials based on their properties. We will learn about dissolving and solutions. We will identify different ways materials can be mixed together use sieving, filtering, evaporating and other processes to separate mixtures of materials. We will also identify different ways materials can be mixed together. We will also think about the terms melting and dissolving as well as investigate factors which affect the speed of something dissolving. We will also learn about reversible and irreversible changes.

History

In history, we will focus on the time period after the Anglo-Saxons (our last History topic). We will look at who the Vikings are, their culture, and important battles in the Viking period. The children will construct a timeline to understand how the Viking period carries on from the Anglo-Saxon reign. Whilst learning about Viking battles, the children will have a chance to create their own long boat and Viking jewellery.

P.E.

P.E. will continue being delivered by Ellis during our Monday lessons. This term, the children will focus on invasion games, whilst continuing to develop key skills, such as communication and team work. Children are still expected to change into their P.E. kits in school, and will get changed after the lesson. We will also have swimming lessons this term. More information will follow.

P.S.H.E

This term, we will be looking at staying safe, both: online and in real life. The children will talk about the dangers they may face, how to avoid them but also who to ask for help if they ever need to. They learn that violence within relationships is not acceptable and learn about problems that can occur when someone goes missing from home.

Music

The children continue to receive music lessons from our music teacher, Lena. The children have been learning to play the ukulele.

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. Optional history homework is sent out with a choice of three activities weekly. Science projects this term should be focusing on properties and changes of material.