



Year 5

Half Termly Update

Spring Term 2

Dear Parents,

We hope you had a restful half term holiday. We are looking forward to welcoming the children back. We remind parents that children should arrive to school in their full school uniform every day. This does not apply on Monday and Tuesdays as this is Year 5s PE day. On these days, children are to arrive at school dressed in their PE kits. The school PE kit consists of a plain white t-shirt, navy jogging bottoms or shorts, and suitable shoes for sports.

Moreover, we remind parents that children should be in school at least 96% of the time. When attendance falls below this, progress at school can be seriously affected. We endeavour to work with families to make sure that any problems or circumstances which may lead or be leading to poor attendance are given the right attention and appropriate support. We seek to ensure that all our pupils receive a full-time education which maximises opportunities for each pupil to realise his/her true potential.

English -Writing

Our Writing tasks will focus around our class novel: 'The London Eye Mystery'. The children will start by looking at different adverts and how to write persuasively before creating their own advert for the London Eye. After creating an advert, the children will write a resolution to the story, differing from the actual ending in the book.

English -Reading

This term, we will start our new book 'The London Eye Mystery'. We will start by giving our opinion on the book and seeing if we can make patterns and links to real life or other books. As the term goes on, the children will continue to develop key reading skills: inference, by looking at how characters feel through analysing what they say and do; author's choice, by looking at the information that the author chose to include or leave out; and summarising paragraphs or chapters into key events.

Maths

The children will continue to deepen their knowledge of fractions in the next unit, looking at the equivalence between fractions, decimals and percentages. They will learn to round decimals, order and compare them and solve problems involving numbers up to three decimal places. We will continue to do lots of arithmetic revision to ensure they are confident with the four operations.

Science

We will be learning about 'Living Things and their Habitats' this term. We will describe the differences in the life cycles of a mammal, an amphibian, an insect and a bird. We will think about the similarities and differences of the life cycles which will include creating diagrams, labelling and sorting. We will describe the life process of reproduction in some plants and animals and compare the life cycles of different animals.

P.E.

In P.E, children will learn a striking and fielding. Striking includes skill practise on how to hit the ball. Children will develop fielding skills, communication and tactics. They will apply these in a game of rounders. Year 5s will also have swimming lessons this term.

P.S.H.E

This term, our topic will focus on careers, financial capability and economic wellbeing. We will learn that money can be borrowed but there are risks associated with this. We will also learn about enterprise and what influences people's decisions about careers.

Homework

Weekly spelling will be given on Friday every week. Please practise the spellings with your child in their homework book. The Topic grid is optional but we advise children to complete this to increase awareness of our unit.