



Year 5

Half Termly Update

Summer Term 1

Dear Parents,

We hope you had a restful Easter break and a wonderful Eid! A reminder that children should read for 20 minutes every day and they should be completing their reading record. Children who do not complete this will be staying in with Caroline and Fiona to catch up on this. Moreover, we remind parents that children should arrive to school at 8:45am. Children who are late arriving to school in the morning miss the start of the first lesson and find it difficult to tune in to what is going on, and as a result their learning suffers. Therefore, please can you ensure our child arrives on time.

English -Writing

Our Writing tasks will focus around our class novel: 'Holes'. The children will start by writing a letter back to Stanley's parents describing the journey to the camp, what the camp is like and the people at the camp. The children will then have a chance to apply their innovation skills by writing the start of a story for a child that is being punished. The children will use their knowledge of the book 'Holes' to help structure their writing.

English -Reading

Our class novel this term will be 'Holes'; as we progress through the book, the children will build on a number of skills they have developed this year. We will look at how the author uses specific techniques to engage the reader, such as using show, not tell, and vocabulary choices. We will also focus on ordering and sequencing events, as well as covering some test technique by answering test-style questions.

Maths

This term, children will continue to deeper their knowledge of decimals. They will learn to round decimals, order and compare them and solve problems involving numbers up to three decimal places. Children will then move on to a new unit which is measurement. In this unit, they will learn to convert between different units of metric measure and also learn about common imperial units. In addition, we will also focus on using all four operations to solve problems involving measure.

P.E.

This term, children will be developing their skills in net and wall games. We will focus on tennis and volleyball. Children will learn how to hold a balanced position, ready position and move in different directions. They will apply the skills to games with team mates and then practise and develop the skills.

History

In History, we will focus on the time period of Ancient Greece. Children will learn about what life was like in Ancient Athens and why it was so strong at the time. Children will also learn about their contribution to society and interests such as festivals like the Olympics and theatres. Finally, children will discuss and explore ways in which Ancient Greece have influence our lives today.

R.E

This term, children will learn what it means to be a Muslim living in Britain today. They will learn to make connections between the Muslim practice of the Five Pillars and their beliefs about God and the Prophet Muhammad. They will describe and reflect on the significance of the Holy Qur'an to Muslims and make connections between the key functions of the mosque and the beliefs of Muslims. They will also comment thoughtfully on the value and purpose of religious practices and rituals in a Muslim's daily life and answer the title key question from different perspectives, including their own.

Science

Year 5 will finish off their unit on living things. They will think about what it means to work scientifically this term. We will plan an enquiry, consider different ways we can record data and take measurements as well as learn about fair testing. We will report and present our findings and use scientific language. The unit will cover cleaning dirty water using our knowledge of properties and changes of materials and think about why it is important to look after our environment. We will learn about scientists at work and different options we can have when we are older.

Homework

Weekly homework will be given on Friday every week. Please ensure your child practises their spellings and please allow them time to complete activities on Doodle Maths. The Topic grid is optional but we advise children to complete this to increase awareness of our unit.