

Year 5 Newsletter

November 2023

Welcome to the second half-termly newsletter from Year 5!

We have had a wonderful start to the year and we're looking forward to another exciting half term! We have lots planned with Maths week, Children in Need and other things happening and then of course, Christmas! We really enjoyed meeting many of you at Parents evening and we hope you found it useful too!

Useful weblinks:

[Parent Handbook](#)

[Teacher email address](#)

[TT Rockstars login page](#)



Books

This half term we will be looking at a range of books during our English and Reading Comprehension lessons. We will be using Beowulf – a retelling by Michael Morpurgo as a stimulus for our writing lessons along with The Wonderling by Mira Bartok and Me, My Dad and the end of the Rainbow by Benjamin Dean in comprehension lessons.

Notices

PE and Games

Year 5 PE/Games continues to be Thursdays. Now that the weather is changing, children must wear appropriate clothing for our outdoor Games lessons. E.g. tracksuit bottoms and top.

The next swimming group has had an email so if you haven't heard anything, your child is not swimming just yet!

Teaching and learning

We will be covering the following this half term:

- Maths** – Fractions
- English** – Fantasy story, narrative
- Science** – Properties and changes of materials
- DT** - Architecture
- Music** – Blues
- French** – Eating Out
- PE / Games** – Gymnastics / Swimming/ Dance
- RE** – Dharma Day(Buddhism)
- Geography** – Continuing learning about Investigating our World
- History** – Continuing Dynamic Dynasties
- Computing** – Sketch Up
- PSHE** – Celebrating difference

How you can help at home...

We are working hard as a school to promote regular reading at home and practising multiplication facts using TT Rockstars. Please encourage independent reading but also please listen to them if you can – there is a list of questions in the reading record that you can ask your child while reading.

Year 5 Homework

- Reading daily** and discussion about new vocabulary
- TT Rockstars** (multiplication tables daily)
- Spelling** – practise of Year 3/4 and 5/6 statutory spellings. Our new Spelling Log books will come home weekly.
- Optional** - complete child-led learning (ie create a piece of art about an area/work on the computer to make a quiz/make a news report).



Diary Dates

NOVEMBER:

w/c 13th – Maths week
17th – Children In Need Day

DECEMBER:

1st – Christmas decoration day
8th – Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Fayre
15th – Year 5 Christmas performance to parents
18th –Virtual panto
19th – Christmas lunch
20th – Finish for Christmas

We will let you know of any additions to this list, asap, via the weekly newsletter!