

Spring Term 2022 – Curriculum News



January 2022

We hope you have had a lovely Christmas break and are looking forward to all the exciting things we have planned as we return to school.

This term, the children will be fully immersed in the struggle between the Anglo Saxons and Vikings for control of Britain in History and focus on Materials in Science. The latter will involve a number of 'hands-on' investigations! In Art, they will be exploring printmaking and looking at how artists such as Andy Warhol and John Brunsdon have used printmaking in their work. Children will create their own unique prints by using the reduction method of printing.

In PSHE, we are focusing on our dreams and goals. We will think about the steps we need to take to achieve our dream jobs and how to stay motivated to reach our goals. Speaking and listening will continue to be a central aspect of this subject. In RE, we start by looking at how Sikh stories are relevant today and finish the term by exploring what Christians believe Jesus did to save human beings. In addition, we will study a number of aspects of systems in Computing and also continue with our music modules.

A reminder of some housekeeping: children can bring their mobile phone for safety reasons when walking to and home from school. Mobile phones will need to be turned off before they enter the building, likewise they should not be turned on until they have left the school site.

English

During the first half term we will be reading and writing third person stories set in another culture. Children will use the Indian culture to inspire their writing, focussing on writing in the third person and past tense. In the second half term, we will focus on reading and performing a Shakespeare play script. Children will be responsible for independently changing books and recording what they have read in their planners.

Maths



This term, children will be learning and consolidating their understanding of number (multiplication & division followed by fractions, decimals and percentages) through a range of written methods, problem solving and practical activities. These are particularly tricky concepts for many children but through the provision of challenging maths lessons this will provide a stepping stone to Year 6 and beyond. Children's knowledge and practising of times tables will be significant again this year as this has proved to be a 'blocker' for a number of children historically..

The children will continue to undertake a weekly arithmetic test. This is an opportunity for children to become secure in common arithmetic strategies.

Home learning

Children will have a new set of spellings to learn every week related to the spelling rule being taught in class. These will be tested on Mondays within sentences.

It is expected that children will read at home and this will need to be signed in their planners by an adult at home a minimum of 3 times a week. Reading will equal rewards! Children who are unable to complete this will stay in with an adult at lunchtime for 10 minutes reading.

We will continue to set a Maths and English task to complete at home. This task will be related to the learning in the classroom. Both pieces will be set on Fridays and due in on Wednesdays and will be on Showbie.

PE

On PE days, children must come into school in the correct PE kits as opposed to getting changed in school. PE days are Tuesdays and Thursdays. Our focuses will be rugby and football. Please ensure your child is dressed for the weather as PE will mainly be outside.

Long hair must be tied up and earrings need to be removed for safety reasons. If a child comes in wearing earrings they will not be allowed to take part. We will also be completing the daily mile each day.

Rainbow Challenges

Research and write about an important Anglo-Saxon or Viking figure from our period of study

Create your own investigation and representation of different types of materials accessible to you

Design a Maths Game that uses any of the mathematical concepts we are studying this term.

Read a Year 5 bingo book!

Take part in our local Junior park run! Alternatively, map out a daily mile near you and encourage your family to walk or run it with you.

Challenge your teacher on TTRockstars to a battle!

Research Andy Warhol or John Brunsdon and present your research in an eye-catching way.



Year 5 Staff

Miss Hammond
Russia class teacher
(Mon, Tues, Wed)

Mrs Adjaye
Russia class Teacher
(Thurs, Fri)

Mr Brooks
Norway class Teacher

Mrs Taylor-Brown
LSA

Mr Crouch
LSA

Mr Newson
PE teacher

Recommended reads



"Auggie & Me". R J Palacio
It makes ordinary things extraordinary as it follows the story of 3 relationships with Auggie....

If you loved 'Wonder' this is the perfect companion book to follow the same story but from a different perspective.



Another favourite of ours!
Follow the quirky story of 8yr old genius Angelina who finds refuge with her tropical fish.