

Year 5 Autumn Term Newsletter

Welcome to the Summer Term Year 5. We are so really happy to be back in school and we are ready to continue our exciting learning journey. We would like to share some details of the subjects and activities we will all enjoy this term.

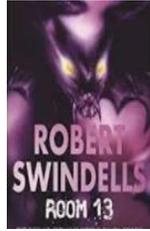
English

This term we are continuing to study How To Train Your Dragon alongside the tale of Beowulf.

We will then study the horror genre. Inspired by the book Room 13, children will write their own stories to frighten and unsettle the reader.

On a weekly basis, children will continue to be given spellings to learn for a test and these will be uploaded onto Seesaw on a Monday. Children will have opportunities to practise learning how to correctly spell these words at school, but additional practice at home will greatly benefit your child.

Activities, which focus on SPaG, will also be added to Seesaw once a fortnight.



Maths

This term our learning will include: multiplying fractions; place value up to three decimal places; applying four written operations (+ - X ÷) to decimals; recognising equivalence in decimals, fractions and percentages.

Knowledge of times tables forms a crucial foundation for most Maths concepts in Year 5. If your child has not yet mastered the quick recall of times tables, there are several online games and apps which provide a fun way to support at home such as Hit the Button:

(<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths=games/hit-the-button>).

Other websites to practise times tables are listed below.

<https://www.timestables.co.uk/speed-test/>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/7-11-years/times-tables>

<https://www.mathschase.com/>

<http://www.timestables.me.uk/>

Explore, Dream, Discover Curriculum

In Science the children will be learning about working scientifically, Living Things and Their Habitats; Materials and Their Properties. The children will develop their understanding of reproduction in plants; creating solutions; separating materials; reversible and irreversible changes.

In History, we will be learning about the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings. Children will study the reasons for the Viking invasion, the Danelaw and Viking life. In Geography, children will study similarities and differences between an area of the United Kingdom (Wales) and a region of North America (Mexico).

PE

This term PE will include a focus on The Willows Mile, rounders and athletics. We will be developing bowling and batting skills, running, throwing, skipping and jumping. Remember that children are now asked to come to school wearing their PE kit on the day of their PE lesson and they will remain in their kit throughout the day. This is every Wednesday for 5KB and Thursday for 5LT and 5RW.

All children are able to participate in the Bikeability scheme once again. Children can bring their bike and helmet into school on the day of their session and for those who do not have their own, there will be bikes available to borrow.

The dates for each class are listed below.

5KB Tuesday 4th May – bikes to be brought to the Year 5 playground.

5LT Wednesday 5th May – bikes to be brought to the door used to enter school.

5RW Friday 7th May - bikes to be brought to the Year 5 playground.

This term, we will be performing our postponed horror themed dance during our Dance Day, which this year, will be filmed and sent out to parents.

Children will also be taking part in a sports day activity, details for this will be sent later.

Homework

Homework will be given out on a weekly basis – it will be sent via Seesaw every Wednesday to be completed by the following Monday. This will alternately focus on the core subjects of English and Mathematics. Follow-up activities are often planned which relate to the homework, so it is important that children return their completed work promptly.

Homework is planned to closely match children's ability and to support what they have been learning in class. Bronze homework is aimed at supporting children who are working towards the Year 5 expectations. Silver level homework is targeted for children who are meeting the Year 5 age expectations. Gold homework gives challenge for those children who are working at greater depth.

Reading books will continue to be sent home and we encourage children to read at least 5 times a week. Reading progress will continue to be monitored using Accelerated Reader. Reading will be recorded in school by the children and teachers instead of in a reading diary.

Thank you for all the support that you give your child in their learning.

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