

Year 5 Spring Term Newsletter

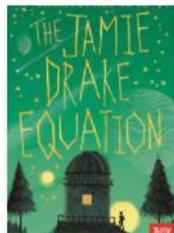
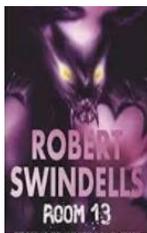
Welcome to the Spring Term Year 5. We are so really happy to be back in school and we are ready to continue our exciting learning journey. We would like to share some details of the subjects and activities we will all enjoy this term.

English

In the first half term we will be studying the horror genre. Inspired by the books 'Room 13' and 'The Dark', children will write their own stories to frighten and unsettle the reader.

In the second half term we will focus on science fiction, creating our own space craft and basing our writing on the book, 'The Jamie Drake Equation'.

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. All pupils 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 and reading, will also be added to Seesaw once a fortnight.



Maths

This term our learning will include: multiplying and division using standard written methods; equivalent fractions; addition and subtraction of fractions; comparing fractions; fractions of amounts; decimals to thousandths; 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>).

Your child can also access Times Tables Rockstars at home using their individual login details. It is important to recall facts of random tables and sound knowledge involves knowing inverse facts too. E.g. $7 \times 8 = 56$ and $56 \div 7 = 8$

Explore, Dream, Discover Curriculum

In Science the children will be learning about working scientifically and The Solar System. The children will develop their understanding of Earth and Space through practical activities, research and observations. An exciting event to look forward to is our Space Day and Space Camp, which will take place on 17th February.

In Geography, children will learn more about the natural world through their study of rivers and they will study similarities and differences between an area of the United Kingdom (Wales) and a region of North America (Mexico).

Spanish lessons will continue with consolidation of vocabulary associated with the family and children will find out more about life in Spain through study of their famous festivals.

PE

This term PE will include a focus on Hi 5 Netball, The Willows Mile and gymnastics. Please remember that children are now asked to come to school wearing their PE kit on Wednesdays and they will remain in their kit throughout the day.

All children are able to participate in the Bikeability scheme once again. The dates for these sessions will be Monday 21st, Tuesday 22nd and Wednesday 23rd March. Children will be informed of which day they are attending nearer to the time.

This term, we will be taking part in a three-day residential trip to Laches Wood, where children will take part in a variety of activities and challenges. This promises to be an exciting time for all those who are going, especially if it is the first time away from home. Kit lists and further information will be given out later this term.

Children will also continue to take part in monthly fitness challenges within class.



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. All children complete the same work online, with a challenge being set for those who are able to complete an extension activity.

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. Individual children's reading will be recorded in school, with each child completing a written record of finished books, including details of their quiz scores.

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

If you wish to contact your class teacher, please use ClassDojo as this is now our main communication link.