

Year 5

Curriculum Newsletter – Summer 1



Hello and welcome back! I hope that you have all had a nice Easter break. If you have any concerns about anything please contact me via email james.pellow@benrhydding.bradford.sch.uk and I will endeavor to respond promptly. Communication about illness/ medical appointments or pick up/drop offs should be sent to the school office.

The Year 5 team will consist of myself and Mrs Hunt. Mrs Armitage will also be covering while I have PPA.

Best wishes,
Mr. Pellow

The Curriculum

English

This half term we will be looking at a new chapter book called 'The Girl Who Speaks Bear'. We will be using this book to create short stories on the style of a character within the book.

Maths

We are starting with factors, multiplies and prime numbers. This will be complimented with additional support on times tables in school building up to our next topic – fractions.

Computing

Our Computing topic will be 'Concept Maps' and 'Word Processing' with Purple Mash.

History

Our history topic is 'Britain from the Stone Age to the Iron Age'.

We will focus on these areas:

Culture – What is the difference between Skara Brae and an Iron Age hill fort?

Stories – What were the Celts like?

Legacies – What kinds of evidence are there for pre-history?

Individuals – How did humans survive in the Stone Age?

Belief – Who built Stonehenge?

Art

This half term in art, we will be researching and learning about Andy Warhol before attempting to recreate our own versions of his artwork.

P.E.

There has been a change of day. Our P.E. day is now **Friday** and will be held outside unless the weather is unsuitable. Children should come to school in their outdoor PE kit on **Friday** mornings and will remain in it all day. Please check the school website if you require clarification of the correct PE kit.

Science

We will be finishing 'properties of materials' before moving onto 'Life Cycles' and 'Animals including humans'. We will have weekly science partners to collaborate while working scientifically, whether it is during an experiment or researching new information.

RE

This half term we will be looking at forgiveness and with an overarching question of 'Should we forgive?'

French

The topic for this half term will be 'manger sain' (healthy eating), providing a perfect opportunity to develop extended sentences to express opinions and preferences. A French taster picnic will be incorporated, in which children will be encouraged to practise their politest French phrases. We will continue practising the correct use of a bilingual dictionary.

Library

There has been a change of day for the library. the children will now visit the library on **Wednesday** and will be able to borrow one book per week. Please sign the reading record when they have read aloud to you during the week. This will be checked during our library lesson.

Water Bottles

Please make sure your child has a water bottle in school every day. This will be sent home at the end of the day to be brought back in filled up for the next day.

Dates for the diary

- Tuesday 16th April – Energy Heroes Visit
- Wednesday 17th – Arthur and the Golden Rope performance
 - Monday 6th May – Bank Holiday and Ilkley Carnival
 - Wednesday 22nd May – Sports Day