

Year five Autumn Term 1 2024

Curriculum Newsletter



6.9.2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have all enjoyed a fabulous summer?

We are really looking forward to embarking on an exciting year of learning ahead! There is so much to pack in; it will be a busy year for all of us!

I will teach all day on Mondays and then every morning, Mrs Wigglesworth will teach Tues-Fri afternoons and Mrs Spoerry will support every day.



We will be going to forest school every Monday afternoon starting on the 16th of September, for 6 weeks until half term. We will be walking down to Middleton woods, where we will have lunch when we arrive. All children will need a packed lunch on those Mondays – no glass bottles fizzy drinks or food containing nuts please.

The children will be outside in the woods all afternoon and need to come to school in appropriate clothing. They will need to wear long trousers and long sleeves to protect arms and legs.

We will be going in all but extreme weather, so please ensure

that your child brings waterproofs/coat and suitable footwear.

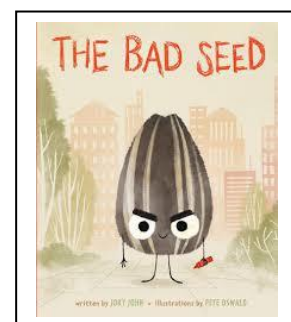
The children will need to be collected from the Lido car park at 3pm. If this causes a problem or if you are able to help with lifts, please let us know.

Topic: This term we are learning about The Romans and ask "What did the Romans ever do for us?" Later in the term we will be using Roman architecture and design to inspire our DT project as we build aqueducts.

In **English** the children will be writing Descriptions, Diary Entries and Reports.

Our class book will be *The Bad Seed* by Jory John

We hope to inspire even the most reluctant writer to think and become creative as we study how writers use different structures to create coherence and impact and how they use different techniques to make a text come alive. We will use their ideas as a start point for our own writing. We will also use other books in the series to develop key reading skills as well as for teaching punctuation and grammar objectives.

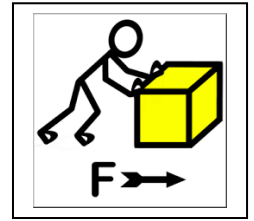


In **Maths** this half term, we will begin with a look at decimal fractions.

We also intend to look at the application of maths into problem solving (using and applying of maths) and will have a keen focus on arithmetic. Maths homework will be sent home each week and to reinforce recent learning, but is still optional in year 5.

Science :Our topic for science this half term is Forces. We will be looking at friction, air resistance, gravity and water resistance.

PE As we have both Forest school and swimming over the course of the year, we will only be doing PE once a week: Tuesday afternoon. This half term, we will be practising throwing and catching skills. Please remember to send your child in PE kit on Tuesdays.



French

We will begin Year 5 learning how to ask and answer the question 'how many are there?', drawing on Year 4 clothes and animals vocabulary and revising numbers 1 - 31. In answering the question, children will focus on how to form plural nouns in French. We will learn numbers 32 to 60 and begin to talk about where we live.

HOME LEARNING:

We will set optional maths homework each week and it will reinforce the learning from that school week.

- **Wednesday:** optional Maths homework, due back the following Wednesday
- **Book exchange:** on Monday. I will be asking the children to "magpie" from the books they read and they will need to make a note of any interesting phrases in their reading record book. Hopefully these will then be useful in future writing. Please continue to hear your child read as often as possible and ask questions to develop comprehensions skills. Please ask staff if you would like any help with this.
- **Half term project:** will be handed out next week and will be due in on **Monday 9th of Dec** for a Home learning gallery – all parents and carers invited.
- **The ½ termly Homework Sheets (English and Maths);** will be handed out next week to help your child practise key facts and skills at home.

Finally, if you have any artefacts or expertise in our area of learning this half term, please let us know or bring it in to share with the class.

Likewise, if you have any queries or wish to discuss any issues regarding your child's learning, please do not hesitate to contact any of the year 5 team.

Best wishes,
Year 6 team.

Sandy Leach, Mrs Spoerry and Mrs Wigglesworth

Dates for Your Diary

- **Forest school every Monday – packed lunch and suitable coats/waterproofs and footwear**
- **Home learning Gallery 10.10.17 8.45-9.30am**
- **Harvest Festival date tbc**
- **Parents consultations 12/11 and 14/11**
- **Parent workshops 28/11 (evening sessions)**
- **PE every Tuesday**
- **See general Newsletter for the Learning values for each week this term**

