

Year five Spring Term 1 2025

Curriculum Newsletter



10.1.2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year to you all! I hope you have enjoyed a fun-packed Christmas holiday and have been making the most of the snow!

Thank you very much for your generosity at the end of last term. Mrs Spoerry, Mrs Wigglesworth and I are all very grateful for your kind gifts.

As before, 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.

Topic : This term we will be learning about The Shang. We will be asking:



Culture – How did the Shang people live?

Stories – What was the origin story of the Shang Dynasty?

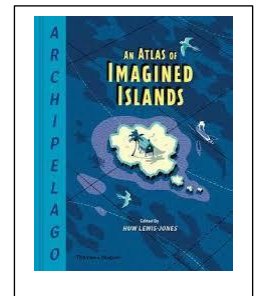
Legacies – What made the Shang army successful?

Individuals – Who was Fu Hao?

Belief – How were the oracle bones used by the Shang?

In **English** the our class book will be “Archipelago: an atlas of imagined islands”

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. Once a week we will be running joint workshops with the year 6 class.



If you child enjoys this book then they might also like:

https://www.goodreads.com/list/show/144324.Atlases_and_Maps_of_Imaginary_Places

In **Maths** this half term, we will finish working with Negative numbers and then move on to short multiplication and division. We will be applying our understanding to problems and reasoning with a keen focus on arithmetic. Maths homework will be sent home each week to reinforce recent learning or revisit skills/concepts. It is still optional in year 5.

Science : Once we have finished The Solar System, we will be working on **the properties of materials**. We will:



- **Test materials for magnetism, transparency and hardness**
- **And then test materials for electrical conductivity**
- **Plan an insulating heat experiment and then investigate**
- **Evaluate our insulating heat experiment**
- **Explore uses of everyday materials – plastic, wood and metal**

PE This half term we will be doing PE twice a week: Tuesday afternoon **and Friday morning**. We will be doing gymnastics as well as building fitness and practising/refining PE skills. Please remember to send your child in PE kit on **Tuesdays and Fridays**.

French Year 5 will focus on the family this half term, learning to talk about siblings, using the relative pronoun, 'qui'. We will also take some time to revise work from last term on personal pronouns and regular verbs, as well as the 'basics' learned in previous years.

HOME LEARNING:

We will set optional maths homework each week and it will reinforce or revisit the learning in school.

- **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 17th of March** 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 or well-being, please do not hesitate to contact any of the year 5 team.

Best wishes,
Year 5 team.

Sandy Leach, Mrs Spoerry and Mrs Wigglesworth

Dates for Your Diary

- PE every Tuesday and Friday
- New Parental room opening 31.1.25
- BRPS Cross Country 01.02.25
- NSPCC parent workshop 7.2.25 (tbc)
- World Book Day 6.3.25
- Parents consultations 11/3 and 13/3
- House Science day 14/3
- Home learning Gallery 17.3.25 8.45-9.30am
- See general Newsletter for the Learning values for each week this term

