



Year 5 Autumn Term Newsletter



Welcome to Year 5! This half term, our value is 'COMMUNITY'. In class and during Collective Worship we will be thinking about how we are all part of a community, that each of us is unique but that at Nutfield Church Primary we can build one team by supporting and caring for each other. After half term our value will be 'PEACE'.

English

Please read regularly at home with your child as this is vitally important for the development of their reading and writing skills. We appreciate your help to look after your child's **reading record** and ensure they are **signed regularly** and are kept in your child's book bag at all times. This year we will focus on the application of accurate grammar and punctuation in reading and writing. This will largely be taught through high quality texts which afford the children a range of opportunities to explore concepts and the use of language through drama, art and role play in addition to extending their reading and writing skills. We have an exciting unit of work planned based around a wonderful children's book called the 'Hidden Forest'. The book introduces the reader to the world of kelp forests which are largely found in Tasmania. The children will learn about kelp forests, take part in a debate as to whether or not they should be protected and the unit will end with the children writing a balanced argument.

P.E

On Thursday afternoons the children will have P.E with Mr Smith. Please make sure they have the correct P.E kit for this day and Friday. All P.E kit must be named. Any children wearing earrings must remove these for all P.E sessions. With the colder weather soon approaching, I would recommend the children bring navy tracksuit bottoms and/or an old school jumper to wear during outdoor P.E. All children must have trainers for outdoor P.E. and plimsolls for indoor sessions.

PPA

On Thursday afternoon I have my weekly non-contact time. During this time the children will have Science taught by Mrs Boyle followed by a P.E session led by Mr Smith.

Maths

This term we will cover most aspects of the curriculum, starting with place value. At this stage in school, children should be able to read, write, order and compare numbers up to 100,000. They should also be able to round to the nearest 10, 100, 1000 and 10 000. We will then look at the methods (some which will be new to the children) for the 4 different calculations. In Year 5 there is a large focus on the relationship between fractions, decimals and percentages. We will end the term looking at measurement and geometry.

Science

During Autumn term our topic is 'Animals including Humans' where we will look at the changes that happen in humans during gestation, and from birth to old age. Science lessons will be taught by our specialist teacher, Mrs Boyle on a Thursday afternoon.

R.E

This term we will be exploring Buddhism. We will be learning to understand the similarities and differences between this and the Christian faith. We are in the process of booking a visit to the Buddhist temple in Wimbledon later this term, which is very exciting. Dates and further information will be sent out via the homework letter very soon.

After half term we will be exploring the beatitudes. We will be asking what the beatitudes are and what they mean for Christians. We will also be looking at how Music and Art convey Christmas.

Knowledge and Understanding of the World

Our topic this term is Ancient Greece. During the first half of the Autumn term the children will learn about Greece and how to place the ancient Greek civilisation in time. We will then explore the term democracy by understanding the differences between Athens and Sparta. Additionally we will look at ancient Greek warfare and the beliefs of the ancient Greeks. During the second half of the Autumn term we will explore daily life in ancient Greece and learn more about the impact that the ancient Greek civilisation had on the modern world. During our DT lessons we hope to design, create and evaluate a labyrinth, inspired by the Greek myth Theseus and the Minotaur. We also plan to build a reproduction of the Parthenon out of junk materials. We are in the process of booking a Greek workshop, dates and further information will go out via the homework letter very soon.

Philosophy and PSHE

In PSHE this half term our unit is 'New Beginnings'. We will use what we discuss in PSHE and this term's values of Community and Peace as inspiration in our P4C lessons. We encourage our children to listen and respond with thoughtfulness and respect. We will use a stimulus such as a picture, object or a short film to inspire philosophical questions which we will discuss to encourage deeper thinking.

Expressive Arts

During our art lessons this term we will be designing, creating and evaluating Greek comedy and tragedy masks. We will be decorating a pot in the style of ancient Greek pottery and creating a soap structure in the style of a Greek statue.

During our Music unit this first half term all the learning is focused around one song: Bon Jovi's 'Livin' On A Prayer.' The material presents an integrated approach to music where games, the dimensions of music (pulse, rhythm, pitch etc), singing and playing instruments are all linked.

Uniform

Thank you to you all for continuing to keep your children smart and in the correct uniform! If you are in doubt at all of correct please do have a look at the website. Girls' headwear and hair bands should remain in blue, black, brown, white or yellow. As the winter closes in, please ensure your child brings a named coat daily.

Year 5 Team

Working alongside me in the Year 5 classroom is Mr Day, a Special Needs Assistant, who was previously the Teaching Assistant in Year 6. We also welcome Mr Cook, who is new to the school and will be the class Teaching Assistant.

Homework

Homework will be sent home on Fridays and must be handed back in by the following Wednesday. It is important that the children take pride in their homework and look after their book.

And finally...

If you have any quick questions or concerns please feel free to catch me in the playground at the end of the day. I am very happy to answer your queries and it is always good to see you! If you would like to speak with me more privately, please see me to arrange an appointment. Please do keep an eye on the school website which lists all the key dates for the Autumn term.

Mrs Brooks, Mr Cook and Mr Day

