



Year 5 Summer Term Newsletter

Welcome back to the final term of Year 5! This half term, our value is GRACE. During Collective Worship we will be thinking about Grace and how it affects our life and the wider local community. After half term our value will be JOY.

English

Please continue to 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. Please ensure that your child writes a comment, or that they are signed every school day and kept in your child's book bag.

We have other exciting unit of work planned around a wonderful children's book 'The Unforgotten Coat'. The story is about two Mongolian brothers who join a school in Liverpool. We will learn about Mongolia; write a non-chronological report; and we will write an extended narrative in the style of a journal and diary entry which is based around the issue of refugees. The children will also build upon their presentation and handwriting skills. We are practising handwriting in class, as well as part of our homework but if you would like more handwriting practise for your child, please ask!

Philosophy and PSHE:

In PSHE this half term we are learning about 'The Dangers of Drugs' and 'Relationship and Sex Education'. We will be learning about the dangers of different drugs and the changes that occur to young people during puberty.

We will use what we discuss in PSHE and this term's values as inspiration in our P4C lessons. 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.

Maths

As children progress through KS2 they learn more about the value of each digit within a number. At this stage children in Year 5 should be able to read, write, order and compare numbers up to 1,000,000. They should also be able to add 10, 100 or 1,000 to any given number. We will continue to revisit the same topics but with increasing challenge.

PPA

On Thursday afternoon I have my weekly non-contact time. During this time the children will have P4C or PSHE lesson with Mrs Lane, followed by a PE lesson led by Mr Smith.

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 during all P.E sessions. This term (in line with our topic) we will be learning some Mayan dance.

Expressive Arts

During Art, we will be learning key skills in sculpture and textiles. We will link this to our Mayan topic and we shall be making a sculpture of a Mayan pyramid.

We will have a weekly music lesson based on the Music Express scheme and this term is about Space, linking to our Science topic. We will be using drums and other instruments during our Mayan Dance sessions.

Knowledge and Understanding of the World

Our topic this term is the Ancient Mayan civilisation.

During this unit of work we will:

- See where this fits into our historical timeline;
- Look at Mayan art and Mayan life, and taste some Mayan food
- Find out about 'The Yucatan Peninsula'
- Discover the 'The History of Chocolate'
- Find out about Mayan writing and numbers; Mayan gods and religion and in Art make a Mayan pyramid



Homework

Homework will be sent home on Friday and must be handed back in by the following Wednesday.

Mathletics will be set on a Friday and must be completed by Tuesday evening.

We have now learnt all suggested spellings for Year 5 so we will now be revising different spelling rules and patterns. We will still have a spelling test on Wednesday which will be based on this work.

R.E

This term we will be exploring the Jewish faith. We will be asking:

- Who is Abraham?
- What are the Jewish festivals?
- Why are the 10 commandments important?

We will of course also be visiting Sutton Synagogue.

After half term our topic will be 'the Journey of Life and Death'.

Uniform

Thank you for continuing to keep your children smart and in the correct uniform! If you are in doubt at all of correct colours etc. please do have a look at the website. If you would like to purchase the new girls' cardigans please do so from the office. Girls' headwear and hair bands should remain in blue, black, brown, white or yellow.

Science

During Summer term, we will be finishing our topic Forces (in the next couple of weeks) and then we will move onto 'Earth and Space'. As part of our last topic, we will be visiting the Royal Observatory in Greenwich, where we will learn a great deal about Space, on Wednesday 17th May. We are in the process of booking travel and finalising workshop costs so further details will follow very soon.

We are growing herbs and vegetables in class, and also breeding ladybirds and butterflies in class as an extension of our 'Living Things and their Habitats' unit.

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.

Mrs Cordey

Year 5 class teacher