



Year 5 Autumn Term Newsletter



Welcome to Year 5! It has been so lovely to have all the children back in school and to see their smiley faces! We have had a wonderful few days back getting to know the children. This half term our value is COMMUNITY and after half term our value will be PEACE.

English

Our English lessons will centre around a variety of high quality texts, which will enable the children to explore a vast range of genres and concepts. In addition to reading and writing, English will be taught through a range of different medias (drama, art and role play). There will be many an opportunity for the children to perform! In addition, there will also be a focus on grammar and punctuation and applying this to reading and writing, this will be done during English lessons and through weekly EGPS sessions. This term, our focus will be revisiting the grammar from Years 3 and 4 and introducing Year 5 grammar terms. All children are expected to read regularly at home and we ask that yellow reading diaries live in school bags so they can be accessed at school and at home. Please can the children write their own comments on what they have read, and please do ensure these are signed regularly. These will be checked every Wednesday.

R.E

This will be taught in Year 5 on Wednesday. This half term the children will be learning about Buddhism. After half term, the children will be learning about the Beatitudes. Our Christmas unit is based on how Art and Music conveys Christmas.

PPA

My weekly non-contact time will rotate between a Friday Morning and Friday Afternoon. During this time, the children will be taught by Mrs Boyle. In the afternoon, she will teach French and Music and English/Maths in the mornings.

Maths

We will start the term by revising and extending our knowledge and recapping place value and our number bonds. These are a key mathematical skill and plays an extremely important role in helping the children to understand and progress in other areas of number. We will be focusing on reading, writing and ordering numbers up to 1,000,000. It is very important that children feel confident in their knowledge of numbers and their properties. Please feel free to come and speak to me if you need clarification on our methods of teaching some elements of Mathematics. In addition, the children will be adding and subtracting numbers, in increasing size, mentally. The children should know their times tables up to 12x12; we will recap these daily to ensure the children know them 'off by heart'. Children will be able to apply their learning to real life examples and explain how they know an answer is correct.

Science, Computing and DT

During our first half term, our topic will be 'Living things and their habitats', the children will learn to describe the differences in the life cycles of a mammal, an amphibian, an insect and a bird and describe the life process of reproduction in some plants and animals. After half term, we will be learning about 'Animals including humans'. The children will learn to describe the changes as humans develop to old age.

Homework

The children will each have a homework book, which they can decorate in any way they like. Homework will be sent home on Friday and must be handed back in by the following Wednesday. We will have a weekly spellings test on Friday afternoons.

Wellbeing - P.E, Philosophy and PSHE

On Friday afternoons, we will have our weekly Wellbeing session. This session aims to focus on the childrens Social, Emotional, Mental and Physical health. The children will have P.E with me. Please ensure your child has the correct P.E kit on this day: navy blue shorts/tracksuit bottoms, yellow T-shirts and trainers (no plimsoles). Please make sure all items of your child's P.E kit are named. P.E kits should be brought to school on Monday and will be sent home on Friday for washing. In PSHE, we will be looking at building positive relationships with others; focusing on what we can do when we disagree with someone's idea. We encourage our children to listen and respond with thoughtfulness and respect. We are also in charge of looking after the school chickens. The children will need spare shoes for their week and a coat. We have to look after them no matter the weather!

Uniform

Please check that ALL items of your child's uniform, including coats and bags, are clearly labelled to help them become more responsible and independent. The school uniform is grey trousers or skirt/dress with a yellow polo shirt and blue Nutfield Church jumper/cardigan. Please ensure your child has a winter coat during the colder months.

History and Geography

In History this term, we will be focussing on the Anglo-Saxons, learning about why they invaded Britain, how they lived and why they eventually left. In Geography this term, we will be learning about the Geography of our local area - specifically Box Hill. We will be using an OS Map to compare Box Hill to other areas of local interest.

Arts

This term the children will focus on developing their drawing and painting skills, linking to our Anglo Saxons. This will include, be able to elect a tool for specific purpose. The children will be able to draw showing depth and scale. After half term, we will also be focusing on Painting. During the term, the children will be collecting colours to make colour families. Music this term will focus on learning the song 'Livin' on a Prayer' and learning about Jazz. In French, we will be learning how to say where you are going on holiday and describe day trips out.

Dates to remember:

15 - 17.9.21 - Water Sports at Mercers' Lake
26.10.21 - 30.10.21 - Half Term - School Closed
26.11.21 - INSET Day, School Closed
30.11.21 - St. Andrew's day (wear a blue T-Shirt/top)
30.11.21- 3.11.21 - Parents' Evenings from 3.30-5.30
15.12.21 - Christmas Lunch
17.12.21 - Christmas Service at Christ Church

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. If you would like to speak me more privately, please let me know or contact the school office to arrange an appointment. Please do keep an eye on the school website which lists all the key dates for the Autumn term.

Miss Mitchell - Year 5 Class Teacher