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Year 5

Newsletter

What we have been up to:

In Year 5 we have been.....

settling and transitioning really well into our new learning environment on the North site. The children across Year 5 have adapted well to new routines and having specialist teachers for many lessons. By doing this, their teachers can really identify both strengths and weaknesses, as well pupils being able to implement this basic knowledge to sports and activities which occur in Autumn 2.

Reminders/Key dates:

Autumn term

6 September - 17 December

Training day

22 October

Half term

25 October - 29 October

Bike to school week

(week commencing)

27 September

Virtual London Marathon.

Support the PTA team!

3 October

Parents' evening

19 October & 21 October

Curriculum:

English

In English we are starting with instruction texts where the children will write simple sets of instructions for various tasks.

Before half term we will move onto autobiographies and biographies. Our current class guided reading text is Cogheart by Peter Bunzl.

Curriculum:

Science

During this half term, we will be exploring our solar system and building our knowledge on this subject. Throughout the unit we will investigate seasons, moon phases, day and night and the relative sizes of planets.

Personal Development

This half term the children will be learning to empathise with people in this country whose lives are different to their own and further their understanding as to how their actions can affect others.

Core Curriculum:

Maths

Our first unit is Place Value, which includes rounding, ordering and comparing numbers up to one million, using negative numbers and working with Roman numerals to 1000.

Computing

This half term the children will be learning about e-safety. In this unit of work we will be focusing on how to check whether online content is trustworthy, how to keep personal information private and how, where and who to report concerns to.

Curriculum:

History/Geography

Our topic is Eastern Europe where we are developing our atlas skills to locate different countries within Europe and which countries make up Eastern Europe. During this topic we will focus on the European country of Poland.

RE

Year 5 are discussing 'What does it mean if Christians believe God is Holy and Loving?' This will include examining connections between biblical texts and Christian ideas.

PE

All of year 5 have a key skills focus, in both PE and games for Autumn term 1.

Curriculum:

Specialist Subjects

FRENCH

In French this half term, we will be learning all about numbers. We will consolidate our understanding of questions by asking questions such as "Quelle heure est-il?" (What time is it?) and "A quelle heure manges-tu le petit déjeuner?" (What time is breakfast?) We will be learning how to ask and respond to these questions.

ART

Year 5 have begun a Plants and Flowers topic. They will be drawing from observation, learning to paint with Watercolours and looking at the Artist Georgia O'Keefe.

DESIGN TECHNOLOGY

We will be understanding the concept of nets which will directly link to their main project for the term of vehicles. The pupils will be creating a range of design ideas which will then be finalised and their chosen design taken forward into the making stage.

PERFORMING ARTS

In Year 5 pupils study dance and drama for one term. We will be exploring the West End & Broadway phenomenon, Matilda the Musical - rehearsing and performing key scenes from the play.

In music, Year 5 are learning key playing skills on the keyboard. Learning an instrument is an important life-long skill.