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Newsletter

What we have been up to:

In Year 5 we have been busy settling into life and the new environment at the North Site.

We have been looking at expectations, class rules and we have been introduced to the school's new CORE values of co-operation, opportunity, respect and excellence.

We have been getting used to the new timetable, meeting new teachers and enjoying the extra space at playtimes.

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 narrative writing where the children will be writing their own character description about a character from the current guided reading text, which is 'Once' by Morris Gleitzman.

How can I help at home?

Reading at home with your child - this helps with vocabulary and comprehension.

Encouraging your children to read aloud - you could set a reading challenge such as point out examples of relative clause, parenthesis, modal verbs, prefixes, suffixes, adverbs and questions about characters feeling/motivations. Visit KS2 Bitesize for some games and activities that link with this.

Practise spellings daily.

Use instructions texts/recipes to bake or make something.

Describe how items work.

Maths

Our first unit is place value, which includes rounding, ordering and comparing numbers up to one million and working with Roman numerals to 1000. The children will then be moving onto addition and subtraction. This will include adding and subtracting numbers with more than four digits, using the inverse to check answers and working with multi-step problems.

How can I help at home?

Practise times tables daily (TTRS, Numbots, rote learning, Hit the Button).

Roll a dice to make 4 digit numbers and then add them together.

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.



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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.

Geography

The children will be looking at Eastern European countries. This will include locating them and comparing the physical features to the UK.

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.

RE

Year 5 are discussing 'what does it mean if Christians believe God is holy and loving'.

PE

All of year 5 have a key skills focus this involves throwing, catching, hitting, running, personal fitness, in both PE and games for the Autumn term 1.

Performing Arts

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

In music, all three Year 5 classes are learning key playing skills on the keyboard with Mr Serino. Learning an instrument is an important life-long skill.

French

In French this half term, pupils will be learning all about food in French. Pupils will learn the words for a variety of foods in French as well as the words for different meals. Pupils will be able to give their opinion about the foods that they like and dislike. Pupils will also learn about traditional French foods. Pupils will continue to understand the importance of gender when writing and speaking in French and develop their French pronunciation through our French phonics programme.

Art

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

Design Technology

We will be understanding the concept of oblique drawing 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.

Reminders / Key Dates:

Autumn term

5 September - 16 December

Training day

21 October

School closed for pupils

Half term

24 October - 28 October

Children return to school

31 October