



Year 5 Newsletter Term 1

Curriculum

This term, our key question is:

How does it flow? How do we grow?

This term our question will bring together many aspects of the curriculum. We will be learning about Rivers within Geography, physical attributes and their impact. In Science focussing on how we are growing up and growing old.

Please may we collect in copies of any baby photos you are happy for your child to bring in for a Guess Who display



This term our class text is 'The Firework Maker's Daughter' by Philip Pullman. This is a fantasy adventure story of a determined girl called Lila who with the help of her friend, Chulak, and elephant, Hamlet, proves to her father that she is far more capable than he ever expected! We will continue to use our Whole Class Reading sessions to explore and analyse the text in detail and use this to feed into our learning in Writing sessions to produce a class version. Handwriting and grammar will be a focus each day.

PSHE centres around rights and responsibilities this term; DT we will be exploring structures and bridges; Art skills will be practiced in sketchbooks; in Music we shall be selecting Rock or Jazz music (class choice); Paper Databases verses computer ones shall be compared in Computing lessons; we recap what we know about Spain first in Spanish; and in RE we will find out about prayers and worship within Hinduism.

Key dates for your diary

- 18th September** - Meet the Teacher Evening
- 16th October** - Black History Month Whole school focus week
- 20th October** - Last day of term

P.E./Games

SCHOOL PE KITS should be worn into school on the days that we have PE. Earrings must be removed for all P.E, swimming and games lessons. Remember a hat, a water bottle, and put on suncream before school.

P.E. days for Year 5 are:

- Indoor PE - **Tuesdays**
- Outdoor PE - **Thursdays**

Home Learning

Spellings

Spelling sessions are taught weekly. Spellings will be given out every other week and suggestions of how to support practice will be shared in class.

Maths

Personalised Maths challenges will be set weekly on Sumdog. A paper copy can be provided if you do not have access to the online tasks. We are starting with place value.

Reading

Please read daily and record this in your Reading Record. Children receive house points for reading at home with an adult.

Tea Time Talks

3 questions will be sent home weekly for you to discuss together. They will be based on the week's learning.