

Year 5 Newsletter Spring Term 1



Dear Families,

Welcome back! We hope you had a wonderful break and that you had a lovely, restful end to 2023. We are both excited to see all of the children as we begin the Spring Term, and are looking forward to all of the great learning that is going to take place this term.

Some of the amazing learning to look forward to includes our exciting history topic where the children will revisit Ancient Greece through different historical enquiries, learning about forces in science and gathering an understanding of Judaism in RE.

If you have any questions, please feel free to talk to either one of us. We can both be contacted by Class Dojo, and are happy to support with any concerns or queries you have.

Best wishes,

Miss Wheeliker and Mr Barwell

PE

Year 5 PE continues to be Wednesday. Please ensure that your child comes to school in their named PE kit on that day. Jewellery needs to be removed and long hair tied back for PE. As PE will be in the hall this term, children should wear sensible footwear (trainers, plimsolls) rather than football boots.

Water & Snacks

It is crucial that every child arrives at school with fresh water in a named/labelled bottle. Water bottles will need to be taken home at the end of every day. Snacks will be fruit only and will be provided by the school. If your child wishes to bring their own snack, please ensure it is fruit only. Thank you.

Home learning

- Time-Tables practise on TTRockstars
- Reading – children will receive rewards based on the number of recorded reads in their planners
- Home learning sheet (A4 back-to-back sheet)
- EdShed practise.

As this term's maths focus is multiplication and division, it is really important that children are fluent with their recall of x table facts. TTRS will gratefully support this.

Spring Term 1 – Monday 8th January – Friday 16th February.

English

In writing sessions this term, we will broaden our literacy skills by reading and writing about Sun Wukong from Chinese mythology. Through the picture book 'Kai and the Monkey King', the children will not only learn the story in an engaging way, but will have the opportunity to write about mythology from the perspectives of the interesting and inspiring character. In reading, we will begin a new novel called 'Who Let the Gods Out' by Maz Evans

Maths

This half term, we are continuing our multiplication and division learning, learning the formal written methods for multiplication and division, and practising the approaches needed to work out multi-step problems which require both multiplication and division. Then, we will take our knowledge of multiplication and division and use it to revisit fractions, learning how to calculate a fraction of an amount using multiplication.

Science

In science this term, the children will learn what is meant by a 'force', and through several investigations, observations and discussions, will begin to see the forces of gravity, friction, air resistance and water resistance in the world around them.

History

Children will learn the foundations of democracy, one of the fundamental British values. Children will re-immense themselves in Ancient Greek enquiry to answer the big question 'What did the Ancient Greeks do for us?', learning that democracy and debate have existed for thousands of years. They will also decide the areas of Greek culture which did not stand the test of time.

Physical Education

In PE, the unit of focus this term is gymnastics, with the focus this year on counter-balance and counter-tension. Children will use their bodies and gymnastics apparatus to create new balances and movements, building their ability to collaborate with their partners.

Please ensure that children are dressed in their correct PE kit, particularly sensible shoes for indoor sport.

French

Our learning in French this term is called 'Shopping in France'. Children will learn the pronunciations of several items that are found when shopping. Children will also study French culture by learning about common cultural French foods that are sold in French markets.

Art (Y5HB)/DT (Y5AW)

In D&T, taught by Mrs Robinson, the children will learn about mechanical systems, and will be able to apply their skills towards making a pop-up book mechanism.

In Art, taught by Mrs Young, the children will learn about 'retrofuturism' in a unit called 'Drawing: I need Space'. The children will test and develop their drawing skills through space-themed imagery.

RE

During RE this term, the children will study Judaism as their faith of focus. Children will learn about people who belong to the Jewish faith, and learn about the ways in which people in the Jewish faith worship, including the significance of the Synagogue.