

Year 5 Summer Newsletter 2019

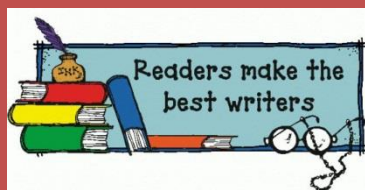
Summer term is already flying and Comet class are flying with it!

So far this term we have been getting our teeth into the Heroic Age of Antarctic Exploration, attempting, without much success, to grow vegetables from seed, and exploring different belief systems across a number of religions.

It was lovely to meet those of you who could attend parent consultations and I would like to take this opportunity to remind you that my door is always open.

Thank you for your continued support. Here's to a fantastic final half-term!

Miss Frank, Mr Muir and the rest of the Y5 team



Literacy

This term in Literacy we have been exploring the processes of preparing for an Antarctic expedition. We have written job adverts, applications, discursive essays and held debates which have challenged our persuasive skills. Throughout the remainder of the term we will look at adventure prose; becoming explorers ourselves and reporting on those expeditions in *The Daily Comet*.

We will continue our participation in The Reading Road Map, a program intended to encourage your child to read a whole host of genres, and with this I ask that you continue encouraging your child to read for thirty minutes every day at home.

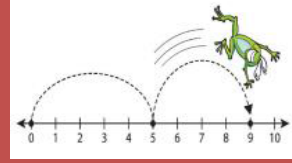
Here are some ideas for websites for the children to practise their literacy skills:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/english/>

<http://www.ictgames.com/literacy.html>



Mathematics



In Maths, we will move on from decimals, if only temporarily(!), and set our minds to Geometry. We will be getting to grips with shapes and their properties, practicing accuracy in drawing angles and reflections and continuing our journey towards greater depth by improving our reasoning and problem solving skills.

I urge you, as always, to keep your child on their toes with timetables, and encourage them to complete their homework, which is due every **Tuesday**, independently.

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<http://www.crickweb.co.uk/ks2numeracy.html>



Science

Plants and Lifecycles is a topic that just keeps on giving throughout Summer term and so we will be continuing our learning on reproduction, planting seeds with boundless optimism and perhaps most excitingly, planting up our very own vegetable patch in the Coppermill peace garden.

We will also look at the brain, learning about how different sides of the brain control different things in our body, what kind of brain we have, and how the brain affects the speed of our reactions.



Humanities



In Humanities, we will continue our exploration of Antarctica, looking at how the climate crisis is affecting the Antarctic ice shelves and what that could mean for one of the world's most important laboratories.

In geography, we will be developing map skills. This will include reading and following maps, drawing maps to scale and making models to represent contour lines.



Computing

In Computing, Mr Edward's will be supporting the children in using Scratch to create a game using code.

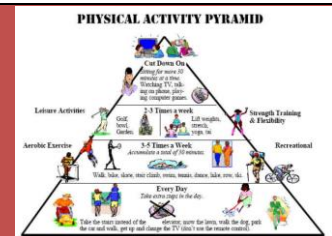


Art/Design & Technology

At Coppermill, we have been lucky enough to have been given a piece of Art from the National Art Collection. 'Phyllotaxis' by Michael McKinnon is part of the *Ways of Seeing* exhibition in which many artworks are being displayed throughout Walthamstow. We will be developing artwork in response to the stimulus and displaying this as part of a whole school open evening in July.



PE



Comet do P.E. on **Monday**, though it is recommended to also 'kit up' on **Wednesday** for our weekly Copper-mile around Douglas Eyre playing fields.

This half-term Comet have shown themselves to be keen Rounders aficionados with the final half-term focusing on Athletics.