

Year 5 Autumn Newsletter 2016

Welcome to Year 5! I hope you had a brilliant summer. This term year 5 will be learning lots of new and exciting things. Our classroom is built on the Coppermill Golden rules and Mars class have made a fantastic, positive start to the term so far.

This term we will be visiting Mountfitchet castle on Friday 16th September to explore what life was like in the Norman times.

If you have any comments or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us as we would like to continue our excellent home/school relationships, and aim to provide high-quality information, clear communication and an 'open-door' policy.



Literacy



In Literacy we will be reading the poem 'The Highwayman' by Alfred Noyes and developing our vocabulary as we try to understand the story. We'll be using it as inspiration for a number of pieces of written work including descriptive writing and a newspaper report.

In the second half of the autumn term we will be reading 'The Boy in the Girl's Bathroom' by Louis Sachar. We'll again be seeking to understand the story and using it to inspire our own written work.

Reading improves everything about a child's literacy and it is important that you help your child to read at home for short periods of time.

We expect children to read at home every day.

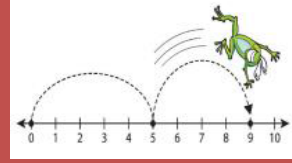
Here are some ideas for websites relating to literacy:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/education> (Click KS2 > English)

<http://schoolreadinglist.co.uk/reading-lists-for-ks2-school-pupils/suggested-reading-list-for-year-5-pupils-ks2-age-9-10/>



Mathematics



This term in Maths the children will be building upon their knowledge of number. We will be exploring number and calculation and decimals and fractions. This will give the children a core knowledge and confidence with numbers which they will then build on throughout the rest of the year.

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

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

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

<http://resources.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/maths/timestable/interactive.htm>

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



Science

In Science this half-term, we will be looking closely at energy including learning about different types of energy and energy sources. We'll also be discussing issues around sustainability including renewable energy and recycling.

In the second half of the term, we will be learning about how the brain works, why it is so important and how it controls our body and our emotions.

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

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/science/>

<http://www.resources.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/interactive/science>

<http://www.kidspot.com.au/kids-activities-and-games/science>



Humanities



Our topics for this term are The Normans and Mountains. When studying the Normans, we will find out who William the Conqueror is and what happened at the Battle of Hastings and how and where the Normans lived.

When studying mountains, we'll be looking closely at different mountain ranges around the world, finding out their geographical features and looking at the relationship between people and mountains including how and why people climb them.



Computing

We're very excited at Coppermill to have a set of iPads for the first time! And so we're going to using some of the apps on our iPads to develop our coding skills this half term including using Light Bot.

Later in the term we'll be building on the children's knowledge of the website Scratch in order to create interactive projects including games.

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

www.thinkuknow.co.uk

www.kidsmart.org.uk

www.light-bot.com

www.code.org

www.scratch.mit.edu

www.kodugamelab.com



Art/Design & Technology

This half term we will design and create our own Norman Castles. We'll also be making some art inspired by The Highwayman and by mountains.

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

<http://www.artsconnected.org/toolkit/index.html>

<http://www.disney.co.uk/disney-junior/art-attack/>



R.E.



In RE, we will learn about the Judaism. We will look at the foundations of Judaism, the everyday lives of Jewish people and major Jewish festivals and celebrations throughout the year. In the second half of the term we will be learning about Christianity and explore where in the world people practise Christianity.



P.E.

This term PE will be on **Mondays**.

We will be developing our skills in a range of Team Sports, including handball and basketball. Please ensure that your child has appropriate PE kit in school, including footwear (trainers or plimsolls) particularly as the weather gets colder.



Home Learning

Homework will be handed out each Friday and is due in on the following Tuesday. Your child will receive:

- Weekly Maths homework in the form of worksheets.
- Daily reading to be recorded in their Reading Books. Please try to help your child to read each night and fill in their yellow reading record book.
- Additionally, year 5 will receive half-termly Home Learning projects.



General notices/requests

Queries, worries or questions

If you have a concern or any questions, feel free to pop in and see us at the end of the school day at 3:30pm. We will be at the door ensuring children are safely dismissed.

Please be aware that time at the end of the day can be limited, so if you need to discuss anything in more detail, please call the school office on **020 8520 6267** to arrange an appointment. Alternatively, you can email the school at admin@coppermill.waltham.sch.uk

Thank you for all your support. I look forward to an exciting term with your children!

Mr McIntosh, Mr Jacob and Miss Dobson