



Year 5 Spring Newsletter 2020

Happy New Year! This term year 5 will be building on what we have learnt so far this year as well as introducing many new and exciting topics.

Over the next few months we are going on a number of wonderful trips to tie in with what we are learning in class: We will visit the British Museum to enhance our understanding of the Ancient Benin society through artwork.

In Literacy we will be exploring the best-selling novel 'Holes', where we will be exploring the themes of fate and destiny. A smooth gear change will introduce Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet later on in the term, enriched by a workshop examining Shakespeare's use of language.

We are excited to offer the chance for Y5 pupils to learn a new computation language, 'MakeCode', for which they will receive an official accreditation at the end of this term.

As ever, if you have any comments or concerns please don't hesitate to speak to me after school or you could call the school office to arrange a meeting.

Best wishes,

Mr Dudley and the rest of the Year 5 team



Literacy



In the first half term, we will be reading a best-selling novel 'Holes' - with a focus on themes such as fate, friendship, criminal justice and labour.

In the second half term, we will be studying Romeo and Juliet by William Shakespeare. We will be exploring Shakespeare's language in depth, doing lots of drama and will even take part in a Shakespeare workshop.

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. Our expectation is that all children read at home every day (or at least several times per week).

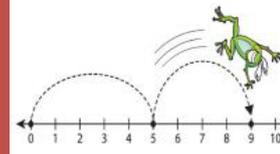
Here are some ideas for websites relating to literacy:

<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



In the spring term the children will be building on the core skills we covered in the Autumn term. We will be using our calculation skills to solve problems including worded problems and will be learning about measurements, fractions and percentages as well as revising multiplication and division.

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

Our new science topic is changing materials. We'll be burning, dissolving, heating and evaporating various substances and observing what happens. Later on in the half-term, the class will learn about reversible and irreversible changes as well as investigating properties such as magnetism, absorbency and porousness. We'll also be trying to dissolve Ayse's tooth in a glass of Coke.

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



In history we will be studying the Benin Kingdom. This unit provides children the opportunity to look at Benin, a non-European society which is very different from their own. Children will make links between Benin and a bigger picture of Africa's past as well as its changing relationship with Britain.

Children will learn that Benin's history is connected to broader trends and connections with particular reference to Africa and Britain.

We will visit the British Museum to discover more about the history of Benin and to develop a better overview of African history.



Computing

During this term, we'll be taking part in a pilot project where the children will be combining coding and Minecraft. This will build on their computation knowledge and give them access to a new coding language – MakeCode. On completion of the project, they will receive an officially recognised accreditation.

We will also continue to focus on how we can use technology and the internet in a safe and responsible way.

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

www.makecode.microbit.org

www.thinkuknow.co.uk

www.kidsmart.org.uk

www.lfgl.net

www.code.org

www.scratch.mit.edu

www.kodugamelab.com



Art/Design & Technology

"Who are the people we can look to in this world to inspire us? That's a question we're thinking about at the moment. Over the next few weeks Supernova will be creating artworks based on the people who inspire us most, from our mothers, brothers and best friends to the Greta Thundberg and Malala's of the world. What will be the results? Just make sure you keep an eye on our school walls.

With spring just around the corner we will be injecting new life into our Peace Garden through artistic interventions. Approaching all surfaces as a canvas: the planters, the benches, the floor, even the flowerbeds - we will transform the everyday into an engaging, sensory and inviting space through colour and art." - Ki Yoong, Artist in Residence

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 R.E. this term we will cover Christianity and Hinduism. We will learn about the figure of Jesus, how Jesus is represented in the Bible and the importance of his life for Christians. We will explore what Hindus believe and what life is like being a Hindu.



P.E.

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

We will be developing our skills in a range of gymnastics and Quicksticks. 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 Monday and is due in on the following Monday.

Your child will receive weekly Maths homework in the form of worksheets and the Year 5 spelling list.