



Year 5 Autumn Newsletter 2020

Welcome to Year 5! We hope you had a brilliant summer and are excited and happy to be back in school after such a long time!

This term Year 5 will be learning lots of new and exciting things. Our classroom is built on both the Coppermill Golden rules and Year 5 Earth's Rules too. I am very pleased to say, that so far Earth has made a brilliant start to the year and are slowly getting back into the swing of things. Well done to you all!

It has been lovely to meet and teach all of the children as well as meet some of the parents who I have spoken with/introduced themselves. If you are not able to meet me in person but would like to talk about an issue or discuss anything in any more detail, you are more than welcome to contact the school office on or **020 8520 6267** to arrange an appointment. Alternatively, you can email the school at school@coppermill.waltham.sch.uk and I will reply to you as soon as I can.

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

Mr Lovelock and Mr Muir



Literacy

We have just begun Literacy this year with *The Nowhere Emporium*, a magical story by a little known Scottish author which has already caught the children's imaginations. It is being used for reading comprehension as well as to inspire creative narrative writing.

In the second half of the autumn term 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.

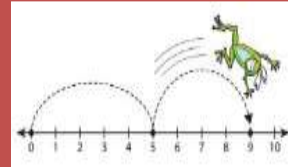
Reading improves everything about a child's literacy and it is important that you help your child to read at home.

We expect children to read at home every day for around 15-20 minutes.

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, we have started by focussing on place value to enable the children to build 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 concerning number which they will then build on throughout the rest of the year. In Maths, we teach the children through a mastery approach where they use their reasoning skills to deepen their understanding. This takes the form of lots of discussion both in partners or as a whole class.

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 have been exploring the depths of our solar system and beyond with our topic on Space. Earth class have created their own fact files about our solar system with countless mind-blowing facts all about the planets and their positions as well as intriguing information all about moons and stars.

The children have also discussed and used many scientific words connected to space and are beginning to sound like budding astrophysicists!

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



We have begun our Humanities topic on the Ancient Greeks. We have already enjoyed a few fantastic Greek myths and discussed possible interpretations. Some have been very insightful. As ancient Greece was famous for its philosophers, I feel it is only right that we started to think philosophically when it came to their myths.

We have asked many questions about various artefacts and used our knowledge about the Ancient Greeks to deduce information about these artefacts.

Year 5 Earth have also compared the two great city states of Athens and Sparta and discussed how these two city states were similar and different. Why not quiz them and see whether they would prefer to be an Athenian or a Spartan (and why?)

In October we will also be learning and debating different parts of history for Black History Month which will also lead nicely into the next history topic of Benin.



Computing

We will soon be receiving a new set of Chromebooks, to use within our Bubble. This is very exciting news but, unfortunately, there has been a delay in their delivery date. We hope to have them before half-term so that we can make full use of them in our Computing and wider curriculum.

In Computing, there will be a continued focus on online safety. We will also be looking at physical computing and block programming, using Microbits and Makecode.

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

www.scratch.mit.edu

www.thinkuknow.co.uk

www.kidsmart.org.uk

www.code.org



Art/Design & Technology

So far in Art, the children have created their own space topic pages for their books. Additionally, we have also experimented with designs and themes on Greek vases as the children took scenes from myths we have heard and depicted them on a Greek vase. Some children even went that bit further and included Greek Key patterns on their art work. They all looked incredible and some have even made it up onto the class display. We will also be creating more pieces connected to Space as well as different styles connected to Black History.

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 be exploring Christianity. We will be exploring the miracles of Jesus as well as other stories from the Bible, Christian worship and core beliefs in the Christian faith. We will also be connecting and comparing similarities and differences between other faiths and Christianity.



P.E.

This term P.E. will be on **Wednesdays**.

We will be developing our skills in a range of team sports, including rounders, cricket and hockey. We will also be getting plenty of exercise and developing a team spirit and social skills through playing various games and sporty activities.

Please ensure that your child wears appropriate P.E. kit to school on their P.E. day, including footwear (trainers or plimsolls).



Home Learning

Homework will be handed out each Monday and is due in on the following Monday.

Your child will receive:

- Weekly homework alternating between maths and literacy
- Daily reading to be recorded on reading sheets