

Summer 1 Newsletter 2024

Welcome to Year 5 and the Summer Term.

Welcome to the summer term. We hope that you all enjoyed the Easter holidays. We are very much looking forward to starting our Summer term as we have a busy time ahead of us with lots of exciting things planned.

Reading – Reading for pleasure and the enjoyment of a range of texts is the key to reading success. Reading any story to your child will be of huge benefit to them. Any books, magazines or newspapers they enjoy will help to engage them and ignite their love of books and reading. So, snuggle up and get reading together. We will be building on and developing a range of reading skills in Year 5 including: reading fluently and with expression, using inference and deduction to answer questions about a text and choosing appropriate books that interest them.

Just a reminder to complete your child's reading record once you've heard them read or read to them. We would like them to read 4 times a week where possible. Remember, children who achieve this will get a raffle ticket and go into a weekly draw for a chance to win a book from our vending machine!

PE - Our PE days are Wednesdays and Fridays. As we go into the warmer months, it is really important that the children are dressed appropriately. We will always try to go out in all weathers and want every child to enjoy their PE lessons in the best way so please do ensure that your child has navy blue shorts and a white PE polo shirt with the school logo on to wear when it is warm and that they have navy tracksuit that they can use in cold and damp weather. It is important that children with pierced ears can **remove their own earrings** and those with **long hair (below shoulder length) have this tied up**.

Homework - Children will be set online homework each Monday on Seesaw. This will usually consist of one maths and one grammar activity alongside practising on Spelling Shed and TT Rockstars. They will have a **week** to complete these tasks. If your child has any problems accessing Seesaw please contact their class teacher.

Contact Details: If at any point, you would like to speak to any of us, please email us directly.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Thursday 2nd May – visit to the Shah Jahan Mosque
- Friday 3rd May – Trip to Hampton Court
- Friday 10th May – Year 5 Friendly Friday

Reminders

- Please ensure that your child brings in a named water bottle.
- During the Summer term, it can get very hot; please send your child in with a sun hat that they can wear while they are outside. When it is warm, it is important to apply sun cream to your child before they arrive to school.
- Please make sure your child has got everything they need in their pencil case – a black handwriting pen (not a biro), a pencil, a rubber, a pencil sharpener and a glue stick.



Geography

In Geography this half term we are expanding upon our knowledge of Europe. We are developing our locational understanding so that we are able to locate countries, cities and key physical features of other areas within Europe such as rivers and mountain ranges. We will use this understanding to compare countries and cities to each other.



This Half Term our topics are:

Living Things and Exploring Europe



Science

This half term in Science, we will be studying Living Things. We will cover topics such as plant reproduction, life cycles and metamorphosis.



English

In English, we are using the book Treason by Berlie Doherty. This historical fiction is set in Tudor times and deals with the intrigue, ambitions and fears in Henry VIII's court, seen through the eyes of 11 year old Will Montague, page to the little Prince Edward. We shall be writing discussion texts and narratives using the book as our inspiration. We shall also visit Hampton Court Palace where much of the story is set.



PSHE

Being My Best

We will be looking at developing our personal skills such as perseverance, resilience, independence and responsibility. We will also discuss our talents and respecting differences.

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RE

Our religious focus for this half term looks at Islam. The children will learn about The Five Pillars of Islam, some of the rites of passage for a Muslim and try to answer the question: What helps Muslims lead a good life? We will also be visiting the Shah Jahan Mosque in Woking.

DT



In Design Technology, we will be focusing on food technology. We will look at European food. We build on skills learnt in previous years and will look at where and how ingredients are grown and sourced. We will compare costs of ingredients and the children will learn how to adapt a recipe.

Maths



As we begin this Summer term, we complete our statistics unit in Maths. This focusses on reading, interpreting graphs such as line graphs, two-way tables and timetables. We will then move onto shape, where we focus on measurement and angles. The children will learn to use a protractor so that they can use this to read and draw angles. This supports the progression of the children's understanding as we will then move onto position and direction.



PE

As we enter the warmer months of the year, the children will begin outdoor sports for both their PE sessions throughout the week. We will be teaching tennis and football. The children will work on improving their skills in both these sports.



Computing

For this half term, the children are developing their understanding of Excel. They will understand the purpose of this programme and how spreadsheets work as part of technology in our lives.



Music

In music, we are focussing on looping and remixing. The children will work in groups to perform a body percussion rhythm. They will work together to finalise their loop and perform this.

Spanish

This half term we will be focussing on food and talking about the weather in Spanish.

