

Year Five's Half Termly Newsletter
Miss Murphy and Mrs Symes

November 2022

Welcome Back! The run up to Christmas has begun...

Welcome back! We do hope that you had an enjoyable half term break.

Thank you to all parents who attended parents' evening. It was wonderful to meet with you all and discuss your children individually. Thank you for your continued support – we really are lucky to have families that are so keen to support their children in their learning. If you couldn't make it to parents evening, please do make an appointment.

We have a busy half term ahead as we fast approach the run up to Christmas. I'm sure it will be a lovely half term as we prepare for the festivities. Please keep your eyes peeled for Christmas events in the main school newsletter; we will have some of our usual festivities such as nativities, breakfast with Santa and Christmas Craft.

Home Learning

Reading, reading and more reading...

At the start of the year, we were so impressed with pupils' dedication to reading. As is often the case, this success began to trail off towards the end of the half term. Children are frequently reminded about the importance of reading and that it is their responsibility to get their Learning Journal signed. Please could we ask for your support in this, signing your child's Learning Journal whenever they have read.

Staff listen to all pupils read frequently, but this may not always be done through 1:1 reading sessions. Teachers can listen to pupils reading in a range of lessons from whole class guided reading to history or geography as we read in every lesson.

Times Table Rockstars will be a focus this half term with competitions beginning to take place. We encourage the children to access this as frequently as possible. Times tables are the foundation for lots of our maths units and will really support the children this term as we move on to learning about multiplication and division. I have sent home a reminder of all the logins. A few children's account says the app needs updating, so do check this on your devices in case it needs an update for it to work.

PE

The last swimming session for Year Five will be on Tuesday 23rd November 2022. The pupils will then take part in PE lessons which will be indoors.

Trips

There are no trips planned for this half term but we will begin to prepare for our residential to Robinwood with our parent meeting on the 14th November. Please do have a look at their website to find out more information about the centre:

https://www.robinwood.co.uk/activity_centers/cross-lanes/

Please take a look at the 'Class Newsletters' part of our website to see our Autumn 2 curriculum Map and the Home Learning Menu.

As usual, please do not hesitate to contact us if there is anything you would like to discuss.

Kind regards,
Miss Murphy and Mrs Symes

Curriculum Map Year Five

Maths In maths, we will be focussing on the key skills of multiplication and division, including a long multiplication method. We will then be moving on to interpreting graphs and tables.	English In English, we will be reading a beautiful picture book, The Matchbox Diaries, and writing our own autobiographies. Later in the term, we will be smashing stereotypes and reading Hidden Figures and writing powerful character descriptions.	RE In RE, we will be focussing on Christmas where we will spend time looking at the gospels of Matthew and Luke and what we as Christians can take from them.
History In history, we will be learning all about the British Empire and how British control spread through the world. We will also understand why certain victories led to patriotism in Britain.	Geography In geography, we will be learning all about mountains – what they are, their features and mountains across the world. We will also learn about significant mountaineers.	Science In science, we will be learning about living things – how the life cycles of plants, mammals, amphibians, insects and birds differ. We will also study the work of David Attenborough and Jane Goodall.
PE We will be finishing off our swimming focus with some water safety and then moving on to gymnastics lessons.	Computing In computing, we will be creating our own videos by capturing, editing and manipulating. We will investigate the use of devices and software.	MFL In French, we will be developing our cultural understanding of France and will be able to talk about the members of our family.
Art Not applicable for this half term.		PHSE In PHSE, we will learn about the things we can do to help us if we feel lonely and also the skills needed to listen well to people.

Home Learning Menu

History – The British Empire

Apply Your ICT Skills...

In ICT this month you have learned all about how to create your own video. How about you design, create and edit your own video all about The British Empire? You could even do it in the style of a BBC news report!



Monarch Madness

At the start of the unit, we will be looking at key monarchs who ruled in Britain between the 1400s – 1700s. Can you create a fact file for one of the monarchs?

Could you create a timeline of monarchs to go alongside your fact file?



Work like West!

You will learn about the famous battle of Plassey in one of your history lessons. Can you create a piece of artwork that depicts the battle of Plassey? You could do it in the style of Benjamin West who created a famous piece of artwork depicting the battle of Quebec.



British Empire Bake Off

<https://www.pinterest.co.uk/waynepetre/british-empire/>

Check out these recipes which were popular during the British Empire. Choose one to prepare with an adult. Write up the recipe and add photos of your culinary skills to Seesaw.



Flag Finder

We noticed that when countries were part of the British Empire, they had different flags to today. Can you list the countries which have changed their flag since the British Empire?

Draw the current and previous flags. When did each country gain independence?

