

Summer 2 2019

Is it really the last half-term before the summer holidays? Summer 1 has been so short yet so busy with events such as Bikeability and the May Day Celebration. I am extremely proud of the children for both events. Amazingly, every child in the class earned a certificate for Bikeability! Then, they performed superbly with a fast-paced Cotton Eye Joe dance which had some tricky timings.

Already, Summer 2 is planned to be just as eventful. We will be finishing our Ancient Greek topic in the first two weeks back before heading off on the residential to Winmarleigh Hall on the 19th June returning on the 21st June.

Why not have a look at the website to see what we might be doing?

<https://www.pgl.co.uk/en-gb/adventure-holidays/centres/winmarleigh-hall>

After our residential, a number of themed weeks are planned starting with World Faith Week on the 24th June, followed by Reading Week (1st July), Art Week (8th July) and Sports Week (15th July).

In and amongst this exciting curriculum will be transition day (2nd July) where the children will get to meet their new class teacher. Sports Day is planned for the 15th July followed by a trip out to BBG on the 16th July, where Year 5 will have the opportunity to order a French breakfast (if their French pronunciation is up to scratch!)

The end of year celebration in church is planned for the 18th July with the last day of school being the following day on the 19th.

Summer 1 2019

We are very excited to be learning about the Ancient Greeks for our next topic. Year 5 will be developing their knowledge of chronology and world history. They will study Greek life and the achievements and developments the Greeks made on the western world. They will also consider the similarities and differences between Greek life and modern life.

In English, we will learn a variety of Greek myths and legends. We will develop our descriptive and creative writing then we will create an original myth of our own. After this, we will learn how to write a discussion text and how to debate.

We will continue to read "Small Steps" by Louis Sachar in guided reading lessons until we have finished the book. Encourage your child to read every day. Reading benefits their learning immensely as well as being a great stress reliever. So many children are winning books on Toppsta which is making our class love reading even more.

If you haven't already, sign up to Toppsta and encourage your child to add more reviews. The more reviews, the more likely we will win even more books. <https://toppsta.com/>

In mathematics, we will use the skills we have learnt so far and develop them further. We will learn to solve more complex problems involving square numbers, cube numbers, scaling,

and all four operations. In addition to this, we will continue to revisit the four operations and improve our arithmetic accuracy.

Please make sure that your child is using Mymaths, Spelling Shed and TT Rockstars on a weekly basis for their homework. If you have any trouble with this, please speak to Mr Booth.

All homework set on Mymaths will reflect previous learning so your child should be able to access this if they can remember what they learnt at school.

Spring 2 2019

Have you had a discussion with your child about palm oil yet? If not, ask them about it. In the last half term, we discussed the effects of world problems such as deforestation and whaling. So, it's quite fitting that we will continue this theme with Fairtrade Fortnight (25th February – 10th March). We will continue to learn about our topic, Brazil, and will look closely at trade links within Fairtrade Fortnight. Check out our “knowledge organiser” about Brazil to learn more.

<http://www.fairtrade.org.uk/get%20involved//Current-campaigns/Fairtrade-Fortnight>

We will be very busy in English this half term as we will be learning to recite poetry and also entering a story in the BBC 500 words competition. We have some very creative children who have some great imaginations in Year 5 so hopefully we could have a potential winner.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p00rfvk1>

We will be continuing to read our class book “The Explorer” and will also be reading “Small Steps” by Louis Sachar in guided reading lessons. When we have read these books, and any others, we will be creating book reviews to go on Toppsta. It is wonderful to see so many children already accessing Toppsta outside of school and posting their reviews. Well done Year 5! <https://toppsta.com/>

In mathematics, we will be using all of our fractions, decimals and percentages knowledge to help to solve calculations with fractions. We will be revisiting addition and subtraction to help us to solve more complex problems and also learn to solve problems involving square and cube numbers and proportional scaling. Reflections and translations will be learnt in geometry and we will learn how to retrieve complex information from line graphs.

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Spring 1

2019 – A new year and many of us will be wishing away the cold climate we live in and wishing we were somewhere warm and tropical with white sandy beaches, vibrant colours, dancing and football. Wouldn't you like to be in a marvellous city, listening to lively samba music and feeling the sand between your toes?

In Year 5, we will be learning all about this and what life is like in Brazil. Unfortunately, we will not be going on a school trip to the exotic cities of Sao Paulo or Rio de Janeiro but we can still dream and imagine what it must be like.

Do you know the name of the capital city of Brazil? Where is it on a map? Does it have any famous rivers or mountain ranges? Is the weather cold and seasonal like it is here?

In English, we will be going over the basics: handwriting, letter formation, spelling patterns and sentence structure. It is imperative all of the children can do this! Please speak to Mr Booth if you have any concerns about your child's English skills.

In addition to this, we will be learning how to use emotive language, a range of conjunctions and adverbs to help us to write persuasively.

Our class book, will be "The Explorer" by Katherine Rundell. If you like adventure stories, you will love it! Check out the reviews on Toppssta most of them are 5 stars! You can pick up a paperback copy for around £5 if you wish.

Again, in mathematics we will be very busy. There is a lot to learn in Year 5 and you need to be competent with times tables and know your addition and subtraction facts. Keep practising as we will be covering the following areas:

- Solving problems involving converting between units of time
- Finding missing lengths and angles of rectangles to help us to calculate the perimeter and area using centimetres and metres.
- Solve problems involving multiplication and division using their knowledge of multiples and factors
- Converting fractions to decimals and vice-versa
- Add and subtract fractions with different denominators
- Multiply fractions by whole numbers
- Solve problems with addition and subtraction deciding which operations and methods to use and why.

Don't forget to keep your PE in school as some times we need it on nearly every day. We definitely need PE kit on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Some children are forgetting to complete their homework regularly. To remind you, the agreement is that all children will complete online homework on Mymaths, Spelling Shed and TT Rockstars every week. They should also be reading for at least 10 minutes every day.

Autumn 2 2018

What shall we do in Autumn 2?

Let's go on a trip! We are very excited to have booked to go to Eden Camp - which has been described by my son as, "The best museum ever!"

To mark 100 years since the end of "The Great War" we will be taking the opportunity to learn all about it. We have already learnt about the events which started the war (the assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand by Gavrilo Princip) and can recite a famous poem "How to Die" by Siegfried Sassoon. This half term we will learn:

- Who were the countries involved in the war?
- What were some of the key events?
- How did Britain prepare for the war?
- What might it have been like to have been evacuated?
- What happened after the war?

In English, we will be writing diary entries inspired by Tom Palmer's Armistice Runner. We will also learn how to write newspaper articles to report war events.

In art, we will learn how to decoupage so it would be great if you could start saving old newspapers, magazines or comics.

In mathematics, we will be very busy! First, we will understand how to convert fractions from mixed numbers to improper fractions and vice-versa. Knowing multiplication tables will be imperative for this so keep practising on TT Rockstars. After this, we will use our rounding skills to learn to estimate using all 4 operations – this will mostly be mental calculations so no working out is needed. Later, we will learn to multiply 4 digit numbers by 2 digits numbers using the column method. Then, we will explore more shape work using the skills we already know about sizes, angles and area. Finally, if we get time before Christmas, we will get to calculate time (a class favourite skill!)

For this half term, one of our PE slots has changed from a Thursday to a Monday. So, the children will need their kits in school on Mondays, Wednesday and Fridays. Some children are not bringing their PE kits in regularly and need to do so.

Autumn 1 2018

Welcome to Year 5! I hope you all had a great time over the holidays and are ready to learn new things. I am very excited to be meeting you all again.

For the first week of school, it is Citizenship week. We will be having lots of fun this week learning about a local author, Roger Hargreaves, and his creations... Mr Men and Little Miss! Which character do you think you are? Mr Happy? Little Miss Sunshine?

After Citizenship week, we will be starting a new topic called “What on Earth?” This topic will help us to understand where we live and what else is on our planet. Can you name all of the counties in England? How many countries can you name and do you know some capital cities? We will be learning about some famous architects and making cityscapes in art and building bridges (literally not figuratively) in design and technology.

In English, we will be reading suspense stories and writing our own suspense stories. One of my favourites is Room 13 by Robert Swindells. If you haven’t read it yet, you must read it this year. It’s brilliant!

In Maths, we will start off with place value of numbers all the way up to millions! If you find maths tricky, I will show you plenty of ways to help you to achieve including drawing pictures.

Things you need to know:

PE will be on Thursday and Fridays so leave your kit at school.

Year 5 will be learning to play the Clarinet on Fridays.

Homework will be set on Fridays and will consist of TT Rockstars, Spelling Shed and Mymaths. You also need to be reading every day! Don’t forget reading does not have to just be your library book. As well as fiction stories, I like to read newspapers and I read online through the BBC Sport and BBC News apps too.