

Year 5 Spring Term Newsletter

Welcome back to the Spring Term



Upcoming Events

PE this term is on Tuesday and Wednesday.

23rd January – Yr5 Class

Assembly 9:00 a.m.

6th Feb NSPCC numbers Day

10th Feb Internet Safety day

Half term 16th-20th February

23rd Feb INSET day

5th March World Book Day

20th March Red Nose Day

End of Term Fri 27th March at 1.30pm

Homework:

Spellings are set on Friday and tested on Friday. Spellings can be accessed and practised on SpellingFrame.

Reading –please record in your child's homework diary. English and Maths homework are set on a Thursday and due in the following Wednesday.

Please go on **Doodle Maths** daily.

If there is a problem with completing homework, the children will have an opportunity to discuss this with their class teacher during Tuesday lunchtime.

English: The children will be writing newspapers, persuasive letters, sci-fi stories and explanation. Throughout the term, the children will continue to study grammar and punctuation with a focus on the use of modal verbs, prepositions, relative clauses, the apostrophe, parenthesis and the use of bullet points.

Maths: We are continuing to build our mathematical skills though understanding multiplication and division, fractions, decimals, percentages, perimeter, area and statistics.

History: We will be studying The French Revolution and The Transatlantic Slave Trade.

Geography: In our first unit this term, we will be studying UK geography: East Anglia, the Midlands, Yorkshire and Humberside. Our second unit will be a geographical exploration of Australia.

Art: We will be studying Islamic Art and making clay tiles.

DT: We will be studying mechanical systems to make our own automata toys.

Science: We will be studying forces and astronomy.

Religion and World Views: We will be studying Judaism in the UK.

Computing: We will be studying computing systems and networks and programming crumble kits.

PSHE: We will be looking at dreams and goals and healthy me.

French: We will be studying vocabulary to describe time: days of the week, months of the year and numbers.

PE: We will be doing dance, Pilates and 'net and wall' games.

Music: We will be learning 'Shosholozza', a traditional South African song, playing the accompanying chords using tuned percussion and we will learn some dance moves. Then we will be exploring the associations between music, sounds and colour.

Practical activities to do at home: Please encourage your child to tell the time regularly and look at bus and train timetables when possible as these are skills for life. Keep practising your child's recall of their times tables. Just because they knew them last year doesn't mean they can still recall them quickly this year, they need to be practised regularly. Please also encourage them to go onto **Doodle Maths** (ideally daily) and **TimesTableRockStars** as it really does boost children's understanding and confidence in Maths.