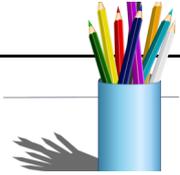




Year 5 News



Welcome back! We hope you have had an enjoyable break and are ready for the new school year ahead. We have a busy half term and lots to fit in!

Maths

During the autumn term, our main focus is going to be place value, which will include some practical lessons. Please can you support your child to learn the times tables off by heart and to complete their maths homework tasks that will be set on Mathletics. As always, we encourage the children to practise their times tables at home on TTRS. Both passwords will be in their homework diaries. With Miss Hughes, we will be learning about perimeter and area!

PE

PE will be every Tuesday and Wednesday. On Tuesdays, after mini-police, Mr Welbourne's class will be participating in Drumba and Mr Constantinou's class will be participating in gymnastics. In our outdoor sessions, on a Wednesday, we will both be doing hockey. Please ensure that your child **always** wears appropriate P.E. kit, which is in the correct colours, on their P.E. days. We are approaching winter so please bear this in mind. Please remember that no earrings, or any piece of jewellery, are allowed during PE lessons. Also, please ensure your child's hair is tied back.



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English

To begin with, in our daily English lessons, we will be writing a setting description based on the rainforests of South America. We will then be closely linking the story "The Day The Crayons Quit" to our writing - a formal letter from the perspective of Duncan.

Homework

Please can you encourage your child to focus on reading at least 20 minutes daily, accessing Times Table Rockstars and Mathletics on a regular basis to enhance their skills. We will be regularly setting tasks on Mathletics, covering things the children have been learning about in lessons. Our Year 5 Nando's homework includes activities focusing on our topics, well-being, creativity and practical-based skills. These activities are optional but they will get loads of praise and dojos if they complete them.

Reading Plus

Last year, we introduced Reading Plus and we are continuing to use it this year. Please ensure your child is accessing this at home. We are expecting them to complete 5 lessons a week and they can do this independently—no adult support is needed!

Webpage

Please check your child's year group page and class dojo to keep up to date with the latest events including dates for your diary, homework tasks and photos!

Topic

Our Challenge Curriculum topic this half term is 'What are the main features of South America and Brazil in particular?' The children will learn about a range of South American countries, their physical and human features and looking the street children on Brazil! Our Brazil WOW Day will be on Friday 19th September. Keep an eye out on Dojo for updates on that!



Science

In Science, our learning question is 'Which materials can or cannot be changed back to their original form?' The children will be learning about different materials and their properties, as well as planning and doing lots of experiments to find out about reversible and irreversible changes and the process of dissolving.

Mini-Police

In year 5, we participate in the mini-police program. Police officers and PCSOs come into school and lead various activities such as seeing a patrol car, learning the phonetic alphabet and knowing the roles of a police officer. These lessons will start on Tuesday 23rd September and will be every Tuesday afternoon.

Phew, what a busy start to the year!

*Mr Welbourne and
Mr Constantinou*

