



Year 5 Summer



Curriculum Newsletter

Dear Parent / Carer,

Welcome back to the Summer Term. We hope you have all had a restful break. Our main topic for the 1st half term is Anglo Saxons. This topic will enable the children to learn about a new area of History and develop their curiosity. We will be linking our learning across the curriculum so that the children really get the sense of the history and the culture. The second half term's topic is 'Mountains'. We will be looking into how mountains are formed and why they are important to the world. As always, if you have any concerns, worries or questions, please contact the office to make an appointment with your child's class teacher.

Year 5 Team

Homework:

Spellings

The children will receive new spellings every Tuesday which will be stuck into their log book. They will be tested the following Tuesday. Please ensure the children are practising at home. If you wish to see how they are getting on, please check the back of their log books for results. The children also have individual logins to Spelling Shed that they can make use of.

Reading

We ask that children are listened to while they read for about 10 minutes a day. They have an appropriate reading book given to them by the school but they could also choose to read a book from home or the library. Children who read at least 5 times per week and have a record in their personal log are awarded merits. The children have access to a variety of books on Oxford Owl. Please ask your class teacher for the log in if you are unsure.

Maths

The children will be set maths homework every Tuesday on MyMaths. The children also have access to Times Table Rockstars to help them with their times table knowledge. Please support your child in accessing these resources.

English

During the first half term, we will be using The Anglo-Saxons and the book Beowulf as the basis for our Writing. We will be working hard to develop our understanding of this aspect of history. The children will write a flashback based on the text Beowulf and use their creative writing skills to write an alternative ending to the story. At the start of the term, the children will also write a set of instructions about how to make an Anglo Saxon Brooch. During Guided Reading, the children will have opportunity to explore the story of Beowulf in depth. In the second half of the term, we will focus our writing around mountains. During this time, the children will read a story set in a famous mountain range and write a setting description based on this story. They will then further develop their knowledge of the storyline by creating a diary written from the perspective of one of the characters. Finally, children will write their own poem around the theme of Mountains.

Maths

The children will continue to develop their knowledge and understanding of a wide range of topics in Maths including the four operations, number, fractions, measurement, statistics and geometry. Throughout Summer term, the children will have various opportunities to consolidate their knowledge of the four operations. They will look at aspects of number including Roman numerals, prime, square and cube numbers. Children will recap how to interpret timetables. Furthermore, the children will get the opportunities to investigate properties of angles, recap measuring and drawing angles whilst also looking at reflection and translation of shapes.

Science

Our first Science topic in Summer is 'Living Things and Their Habitats'. The children will be looking at the lifecycles of different types of animals such as amphibians, insects, birds and mammals. Following this, we will be learning about 'Animals Including Humans'. The children will be discovering the different stages of the human lifecycle and changes that will occur during different stages of their life.

Computing

For the first half of Summer term, the children will be using the programming system 'Lego Mindstorms' to create an algorithm. This will involve them sequencing, coordinating and debugging their robot to ensure that it is working. The second half of the term will see the children using Publisher. The children will learn the basic functions of Publisher and use these functions to create a final project.

History and Geography

During the first half of the term, the children will be learning about The Anglo Saxons. They will explore the chronology of events, how the Anglo Saxons arrived in Britain, the different Anglo Saxon Kingdoms and how Anglo Saxon religion and language has impacted modern Britain. Whilst in the second half of the term, the children will be learning about Mountains. They will have the opportunity to use atlases to locate different mountains. Children will also discover how mountains are formed, look at human impact on mountains and learn how contour lines are used to measure land height.

Design Technology and Art

To fit with our topic of The Anglo Saxons, the children will be designing, making and evaluating their own Anglo Saxon Helmet inspired by Naum Gabo. They will explore the different ways of joining, scoring, folding and cutting card to create their Anglo Saxon Helmet. As part of the food and nutrition side of the DT curriculum, in the second half of the Summer term our topic will be Bread Making. The children will be designing, making and evaluating their own bread roll taking into account the bread currently available on the market and how bread can form part of a healthy, balanced diet.

RE/PSHE

For RE, we will continue to focus on Islam. This will involve the children learning about where Muslims go to worship and exploring many different religious festivals that Muslims celebrate throughout the Islamic calendar. For PSHE next term, the children will begin to identify the important aspect of physical health. They will learn about the importance of good physical hygiene, a good diet, risks of substance misuse, the risk of an inactive lifestyle and puberty.

French

The children will be learning about food and drink for the first half of Summer term. They will learn how to discuss likes and dislikes when it comes to food and drink. Children will learn how to give different opinions around food and discuss others opinions. They will have multiply opportunities to write French sentences linked to their learning.

Music

During this term, the children are going to study a new topic known as 'chair drumming'. The children will learn the functions of different parts of a drum kit and look at how this can be replicated using a chair. Each lesson, the children will learn a new rhythm or song to practise. The children will gain performance skills when performing their rhythms and songs.

Games/PE

Over the Summer term in PE, the children will develop their fielding and striking skills in rounders and their serving, forehand and backhand hits in tennis. In Games, the children will develop a range of athletic skills including running, throwing and jumping.

PE Kit Reminder: We are asking children to come dressed in their PE kit on both of their PE days (Wednesday and Friday). We ask that they are dressed appropriately for the weather (i.e. hats for warmer weather or coats for colder days). Please ensure that children have a water bottle with them on these days.

Important information

20th and 21st April—Parents Evening (via phone).
22nd April—Anglo Saxon day

Any other events will be communicated with you via parentmail.