

Spring Term —Year 5



Welcome back and we hope that you have had an amazing and well deserved break. We are really looking forward to the new year and all the amazing activities we have planned. The Year 5 team are: Miss Vicky Townson, Miss Susanne Miller, Mrs Sam Murphy , Mrs Cheryl Batchelor and Miss Nanette Moore.

MATHS

The children will focus on different strands, beginning with multiplication and statistics. Later we progress onto decimals and geometry. After the half term we will look at division and more decimals. Many of these areas will see skills revisited and used in a variety of ways. We have dedicated morning sessions which will focus in on arithmetic or reasoning skills. We are continuing to push on times tables facts and encourage the children to use these where ever possible. Each child has a log on for TT Rockstars which we encourage them to use.



ENGLISH

The children will begin the term by writing their competition entry for the rotary competition. We will use a variety of stimuli, including picture books, short films and novels for our reading sessions. English lessons will be focusing on the work of William Shakespeare's *The Merchant of Venice*.



The children will also have lessons covering on spelling, grammar and reading, which focus on building skills for reading. They are encouraged to carry out independent, fluent reading through our levelled scheme called 'Project X'. Additionally, there are a wide range of books in both classrooms and children have access to the school library on a regular basis.

PE

This term, Year 5 will have two sessions of PE. Both classes continue with our tennis coach on Monday afternoons. Each class then has a second session on a Thursday. We shall continue to ask the children to come to school wearing their PE kit on these days. We also ask that children do not wear jewellery/watches, etc. on these days. P.E is an important part of the curriculum as it promotes a healthy lifestyle, also team building values and the acquisition of new skills.

COMPUTING

The children will continue to enhance their understanding of the internet and how to stay safe online themselves, where we focus on a number of key areas each term. Moving on we will be developing our programming skills and using 'crumbles' which will be completely new for the children. In the second part of the term we will be working on Vector Drawing and understanding how to use a computer to draw. As always, we will be using our computing skills within the wider curriculum.



SCIENCE

In Science we will be looking at 'Ratatouille's Kitchen', in particular, properties of materials. The children will be enthused to investigate a variety of materials, discovering whether they are insulators and then looking at reversible and irreversible changes. We are also working on our questioning skills and being given the opportunities to discover answers for ourselves as well as researching on the internet and in text.



Please ensure your child is able to access Microsoft Teams at home for completing homework. If there are any issues please contact us as soon as possible.

Homework

New homework will have been sent home this week. This is due back by Friday 9th February. Children can hand in as and when it works for the family, but we recommend not leaving it until it is due in. We expect a minimum of 25 points to be achieved, but children must put in the effort to achieve the marks. The standard of homework produced needs to match that of school work.

CREATIVE CURRICULUM

This term we are beginning a brand new topic called 'Shakespeare in the Tudor period'. This links to the work we will be doing in English. It also provides links to our PE, art and music. During the unit the children will not only learn about William Shakespeare, but also the Tudor monarchy, clothing and the lives of the rich and poor.

Important dates:

Artist in Residence—Tuesday 27th/Wednesday 28th February
World Book Day—Thursday 7th March

We continue to work towards the values of **PARK** — Perseverance, Ambition, Responsibility and Kindness.

Reading Journey

Over the next two terms we will be covering a variety of texts in English, Reading and through our class reader. We thought it would be interesting for you to know what we are covering.

The Nowhere Emporium by Ross MacKenzie

The Invisible by Tom Percival

The Merchant of Venice by William Shakespeare

Moth—An evolution story by Isabel Thomas

Love that Dog by Sharon Creech

Sulwe by Lupita Nyong'o

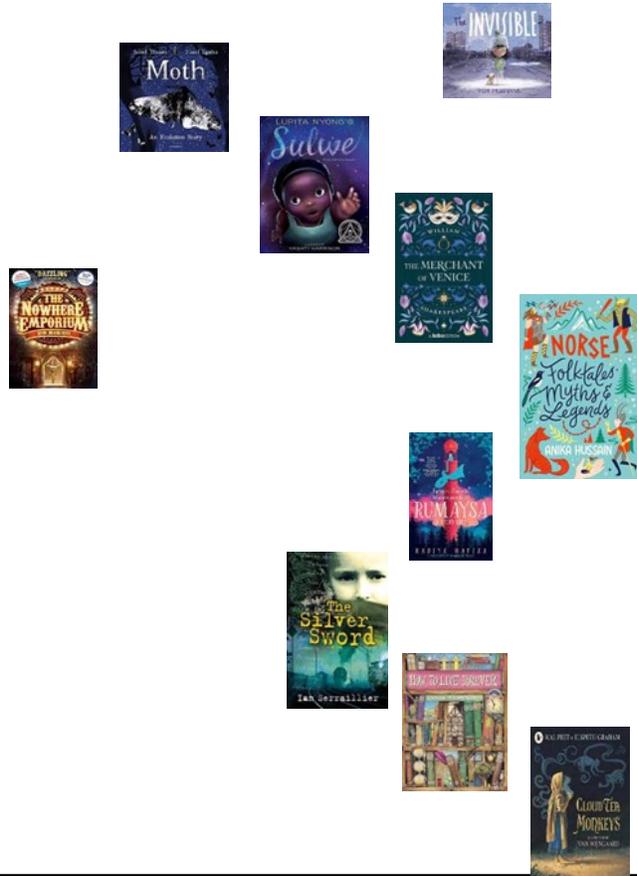
Norse Folktales, Myths and Legends by Anika Hussain

Rumaysa by Radiya Hafiza

The Silver Sword by Ian Serraillier

How to live forever by Colin Thompson

Cloud Tea Monkeys by Elsbeth Graham and Mal Peet



Creative Monsters

In order to support the children in their creativity and use of imagination, we have devised a series of lessons to work on using our 'Creative Monsters'.

This has been based on a book of the same name.

Children will create their own 'Creative Monster' which will help them when they are writing in any form. We will also have structured lessons to develop their creativity and writing skills.

