

Autumn Term — Year 5



Welcome back to school and we hope that you have had an amazing school holiday and have made lots of good memories. We are really looking forward to the new school year and all the amazing activities we have planned. The year 5 team will be: Mrs Susanne Miller, Miss Vicky Townson, Miss Nanette Moore, Mrs Sam Murphy and Mrs Cheryl Batchelor

MATHS

The children will be following the Year 5 curriculum for Maths, ensuring that we target identified areas of weakness first. We will focus on different strands



throughout the year, beginning with number, place value and addition and subtraction, then moving on to geometry and measures. After half term we will cover fractions, multiplication and division and statistics. This will ensure children have covered a wide variety of maths curriculum areas during the Autumn Term. We will also continue to develop the children's reasoning and problem solving skills within lessons.

ENGLISH

The children will begin the year by working on 'Street Child' by Berlie Doherty. Using the knowledge and understanding from this, the children will further develop skills and understanding. We will follow this with 'The Jabberwocky' by Lewis Carroll, creating our own poems. They will move on to look at different types of writing from a range of stimulus. The children will also have additional lessons focusing on spelling a range of reading skills They are encouraged to carry out independent



reading through our levelled scheme and are also encouraged to borrow a wide variety of texts from the classroom and the library.

PE

This term Year 5 will have two sessions of PE. Our first PE theme is with Pacesetters on a Wednesday morning. (Children are to come into school in their PE kit on this day.) Swimming will take place on a Thursday afternoon, children will need a full swimming costume and towel. Swimming will run from 19th September until 28th November.

P.E. kit should consist of weather appropriate clothing, black jogging bottoms/or shorts, a white t-shirt/sweatshirt and trainers. We also ask that children do not wear jewellery/watches, etc. on these days. For swimming the children require appropriate swimwear (**no long shorts or two piece costumes**) and they are not allowed to use goggles. for safety reasons.

COMPUTING

The children will begin the term developing their use of drawing tools on the computer. We will learn how to use 'Inkscape' to create our own drawings and move on to a series of drawings. Following on from this we will be working on developing a deeper understanding of the internet. We will understand how search engines work and how to use them effectively.

Teams will continue to be used widely through both lessons and homework. Please speak to the school if you are struggling with access to this. We work a lot on how to use the internet and the school website (www.parkjuniorwellingborough.co.uk).

HISTORY

During our first term, we will be looking at the time of the Industrial Revolution. Children will discover what life was like during this time and will be able to consider how it would have felt to be a child then. They will investigate life at the time and discover the many inventions we were blessed with at the time. Naturally we will touch on some elements of the Victorians.

We have also decided to work on Alice's Adventures in Wonderland as it was written during the same time period.

SCIENCE

Science this term begins with a unit called 'A Day At Disney'. This unit will see the children focusing on forces, animals including humans and properties of materials and then looking at the physics of a theme park. The idea is that throughout the school year children will be revisiting each unit rather than completing one unit in isolation. During the second half of the term we will move on to The Jamie Drake Equation and turn our sights to the sky.



PERSONAL, HEALTH, SOCIAL, EDUCATION AND CITIZENSHIP

Over the course of the first term we continue to develop the children's understanding of being a 'friend' and what it means for others to be their friend. Linked to this, is the work done in computing, with E-Safety and who we can trust. We will also focus in on what it means to be us and developing confidence.

In addition we will cover more aspects of healthy eating and start looking at road safety.

MUSIC

During music this term, children will look at a range of different songs and learn about finding the rhythm of a piece of music. All the children will be learning to play the ukulele on Thursday mornings through a professional teacher from the Northamptonshire Music Trust.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

We will begin our RE lessons this year by looking at Sikhism in Britain, focusing on the key question, 'What is important to a Sikh in Britain today?'

This encourages cross religious links with Hinduism, Islam, Christianity and non-believers.



HOMEWORK

Homework will be set every week, there will be a piece for English and a piece for maths. Children will also need to get the sheet signed to say they have read to an adult three times in the week. It will be given out on a Friday and will be due back on the following Friday. A homework folder will be provided. We are aiming to develop independence in completing and returning of work ready for following year groups.

YEAR 5 READING JOURNEY:

Street child



The Jabberwocky



The Land of Stories



Leon and place between



The Great Chocoplot



The Jamie Drake Equation



When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit

Love that Dog



Important dates:

Basketball taster session (**PE kit will be needed**) Thursday 5th September

Mufti day Friday 25th October

READING

Reading is encouraged as much as possible. This year we will continue using 'Track my read' where the children will have a personal log in to record their minutes read. We are going to track this over the year and will be checking weekly to see which class has read the most. This will be displayed in the hall. Naturally we would like to have the highest total, so keep tracking.

If you have any queries or questions, then please do not hesitate to contact us, grab us in the playground or call the office to arrange a meeting.

Warmest regards The Year 5 Team