Year 5 Autumn Newsletter

English



In English this term, Year 5 will develop their reading and writing skills through engaging Pathways to Write units based on high-quality texts. In Autumn 1, we will study *Young, Gifted and Black* by Jamia Wilson and *Race to the Frozen North* by Catherine Johnson. Children will explore the lives of inspirational Black figures and learn about the remarkable journey of explorer Matthew Henson. Through reading, discussion and writing activities, pupils will develop their writing skills, including producing a diary entry from Matthew Henson's perspective. Later in the term, we will explore *The Lost Happy Endings* by Carol Ann Duffy and Jane Ray, using the text to inspire creative writing, rich description and imaginative storytelling.

Maths



Our focus is Number and Place Value, Addition and Subtraction, and Multiplication and Division. Children will develop their understanding of numbers up to 100,000, learning to compare, order and round numbers confidently. They will build fluency with formal written methods and apply these skills to a range of reasoning and problem-solving activities. Pupils will also explore factors, multiples and prime numbers.

Each week, children will complete an arithmetic assessment to strengthen calculation skills and a dedicated times tables lesson to improve fluency. Maths Meetings take place four times a week, helping key knowledge and skills become embedded in long-term memory.

Reading



In Pathways to Read this term, Year 5 will explore a range of engaging texts to develop key reading skills. In Autumn 1, we will study *Good Night Stories for Rebel Girls* by Elena Favilli and Francesca Cavallo, exploring the lives and achievements of inspirational women from around the world. In Autumn 2, we will read *Hansel and Gretel* by Neil Gaiman, using this intriguing retelling to develop our understanding of character, theme and atmosphere. Throughout both units, pupils will build their skills in retrieval, inference, prediction, vocabulary and discussion, becoming more confident, thoughtful and reflective readers.

ClassDojo

Check ClassDojo for regular updates.

More information is available on our school website.

Science



In Science this term, Year 5 will study Living Things and Their Habitats and Animals Including Humans. Children will learn about life cycles and reproduction in plants and animals, as well as changes that occur as humans grow and develop. They will use scientific enquiry skills to ask questions, make observations and draw conclusions from their investigations.

Geography



In Geography this term, we will explore the Victorian British Empire, learning about its growth and global influence. Children will also study local geography, investigating the human and physical features of their local area and how it has changed over time.

Art



We will explore the work of William Morris and the Art Nouveau movement. Children will study the use of repeated patterns, natural forms and intricate designs before creating their own decorative artwork inspired by these influential artistic styles.

Computing



We will develop our coding skills by exploring selection in programs and creating a range of coding projects. We will also learn about output devices and understand how computers use them to communicate. E-Safety will be taught through Common Sense Education.

History



In History this term, children will learn about the Victorian era, exploring the life and reign of Queen Victoria. Children will investigate Victorian schools, workhouses, inventions and daily life, comparing them with life today and examining how the period shaped modern Britain.

Spanish



In Spanish this term we will start by reviewing the key phonics and initial sounds before learning how to introduce yourself. Children will be able to ask and answer questions relating to their name, age, where they live and family.

Music



We will be following our Charanaga scheme of work.

D.T.



We will investigate Victorian toys, exploring how toys have changed over time. We will evaluate traditional Victorian designs before designing and making our own toy.

R.E.



We will explore Hinduism and Christianity.

Life Skills



Children will develop listening, speaking and performance skills, while learning about water safety.

PHSE



We will explore relationships, respectful communication and valuing different viewpoints.

What's happening this term?

Please see below the different important dates for this term:

- Thursday 10th September – Ed Miliband Visit
- Friday 18th September – Inset Day – School Closed to Pupils
- Friday 25th September: Spanish Day
- Tuesday 29th September – Big Talk
- Friday 2nd October – Macmillan Coffee Morning
- Wednesday 7th October – Crafternoon and Maths Workshops
- Friday 9th October – Wear Yellow for Mental Health
- Tuesday 13th October – Flu Vaccinations
- Wednesday 21st October – Playground Leader Training
- Thursday 22nd October – Parents Day
- **Monday 26th October – Friday 30th October – Half Term**
- Tuesday 3rd November – Halloween Disco
- Wednesday 4th November – Victorian Day including workshops
- Wednesday 11th November – Co2 workshops
- Friday 13th November – Children in Need
- Monday 16th November – Odd Socks Day
- Wednesday 25th November – Crafternoon and Reading Workshops
- Thursday 10th December Christmas Jumper Day
- Monday 14th December – Christmas Fayre
- Thursday 17th December – Christmas Disco (In school time)
- Friday 18th December – Christmas Raffle
- Friday 18th December – Christmas Eve

Swimming will take place each Friday during Autumn term from 25.09.26 – 18.12.26. Any additional dates will be added onto each Class Dojo and Whole School Dojo page.

Please contact your child's teacher on class dojo if you have any queries this academic year.

Pine Marten – Miss Crossley



Bees – Mrs Burtoft and Mrs Toomey

