



Year 5 Newsletter

Autumn Term - Class Teacher Miss Cockburn September 2014

Our termly newsletters are designed to give you a guide as to the work that your child will be studying. There are always occasions when some topics take longer than expected or plans are adapted due to school events, but in general this guide should be quite reliable! Keep an eye out on our school website for topic related weblinks/ activities which might be helpful in increasing your child's understanding of these topics. REMEMBER! Pupil have access to the vast resources, activities and games on ESPRESSO including new curriculum learning (request your login if you've forgotten).

Maths

- Place value and multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1000.
- Written methods for addition and Subtraction
- Sorting numbers and shapes according to their properties and placing them into Venn and Carroll diagrams.
- Geometry - measuring angles accurately.
- Measures - measuring to the nearest millimetre, how to measure perimeter
- Solving problems and deciding whether written or mental calculations are the most appropriate.
- Multiplication and Division strategies
- Fractions and Time.

English

Our first unit is 'Novel as a theme' in which we will be writing a range of narratives texts based our around Micheal Morpurgo's novel, 'Running Wild'.

Also our non-fiction unit is Information booklets including writing persuasive adverts and factual pages.

Next, we will be looking at Legends and writing our own!

Finally, we will be evaluating magazine articles and becoming journalists ourselves as well as creating poems with structures.

Science

This first topic of Science is Space, focusing mainly on the Earth, Sun and Moon - day and night, the phases of the moon and the Earth's tilt as well as information regarding the other planets and their orbits.

The second unit will be a unit all about keeping healthy and how the body works, this includes the circulation system and also the respiratory system.

Ongoing Work

Children will be provided with a reading book and this should be taken home at the end of each day. Children are encouraged to try and read from their reading book most nights in order to continue progressing with their reading skills. Reading records should be signed when the book has been read and comments made in reading records if necessary.

Children will be given home- work on a weekly basis - in which they will have a week to complete the task and hand in.

Additional homework may be set depending upon where it is needed, and the children will be provided with the information.

Foundation Subjects

In **Geography**, we will be improving our geographical vocabulary and map skills. We will be making and designing our own maps to scale. In **History** will be looking at The Normans. In **Art** we will be looking at observational drawings. In **Design Technology** we will be building on our sewing skills from year 4 and hopefully producing some wonderful Christmas stockings to hang on the Christmas tree. In **R.E** we will be focusing on The Bible and sacred books in Judaism and Buddhism. Towards Christmas we will compare the Gospels of Matthew and Luke. **Music** will be taught with the help of a Music specialist and children will be looking at rhythmic patterns. In **P.E** Mrs Haslam will be improving our skills and techniques in the areas of dance and invasion games. We will also be swimming at Accrington Academy on a Wednesday Morning.

Weekly, children will be tested on their times tables/ mental arithmetic to help them with the quick recall of mental calculations. Also spelling rules will be taught and tested regularly.

This is only a summary of some of the work that we shall be doing this term. If you wish to know anything else, or your child is having difficulties of any kind, please do contact school and make an appointment to see me.