

Year 5 Newsletter Autumn 2016



Year 5 teaching team

Mrs Bruce, Mr Watson, Mrs Greenland (PPA 5B) & Mrs Catchpole (PPA 5W).

TAs: Mrs Lee (5B) & Mrs Chavasse, Mrs Parr & Mrs Smith (5W).

Diary Dates

September

12th - Football club starts
13th - Y5 School Trip
14th - Y5 Swimming starts
16th - 1st Merit Marks
19th - Clubs start
23rd - House Cross Country/Merit Marks
27th - Y5 Curriculum Evening - 7pm
30th - Macmillan coffee morning/Merit Marks

October

4th - Open morning - 9.15-11.45
6th - Maths morning
7th - Merit Marks
14th - Y5 Literature Festival visit/Merit marks
20th - 1st day of half term holidays
November
3rd - Photos
4th - House Football/No merit marks
9th - Y5 coffee morning

10th - Open morning

11th - Merit marks
14th - Grammar day
18th - Merit marks
25th - No merit marks
December
2nd - Merit marks
9th - Merit marks
13th - Christmas service

December

14th - Christmas dinner
16th - 1.30 Finish, start of Christmas holidays!

Maths

There will be an hour long Maths session each day, which is supplemented by a daily, additional 20/25 minute mental maths session. We will begin by focusing on number, place value calculations **and times tables (to consolidate last year's learning)** before pushing forward into new and exciting content. We are keen for you to help your child, though they may be using different methods to those taught in years gone by. If you are unsure about how to help, we will discuss written calculation methods at our Y5 curriculum evening. Alternatively, you could pop in and ask us or **visit the school's website.**



English

In English this term we are covering a multitude of areas, including: Topic based re-counts of our trip, Viking inspired myths and sagas, superhero comic strips **and delving into our country's rich literary heritage.** To support this, we will be visiting the Cheltenham Literature Festival. Our emphasis throughout the year will be looking at grammatical accuracy, so that the children feel more confident and secure in this aspect of their writing.



Other Curriculum Areas

Science: Properties and changes of materials.

Topic: Vikings - reasons for explorations, location of key attacks, characteristics of Viking sailors, trip to Bishops Wood, Viking arts & crafts, Viking assembly, Viking songs & sagas.

Art & DT: Self-portraits, Viking long-boats project, Viking shields and Bishops Wood picture collage.

Games: Netball, Tag Rugby & Swimming.

Computing: We are cryptographers, learning how to write and break codes.

PSHCE: Getting on and falling out - how to solve conflict constructively and accept differences in others.

RE: Judaism.

French: Revision of key vocabulary - greetings/name/where I live/colours/food/animals/parts of the body/family
Music: Viking songs, house choir & Christmas preparation..

Homework

Grammar/Word Work: There will be a grammar task or word work (sometimes set from our CGP Grammar books) every Friday. It is due in on the following Friday morning.

Maths: Sent home on a Friday and due back the following Friday.

Reading: **Children should be reading every evening, recording how many pages they've read in their reading records.** Further to this, they should also be writing a short written comment in their diaries 3 times a week. This should be brought into school daily. This is the minimum requirement, it should be considered separate to the Reading Challenge.

Spellings: Issued on Friday and tested on Fridays.

Other homework may be set as and when necessary.

Games Kit

5B & 5W: For the first term, up until Christmas, games kit (with house t-shirt) will be needed on Friday afternoons.

Swimming kit will be needed on Wednes-

You can also email the office to inform Miss Nelson if your child is away absence@wardenhill.gloucs.sch.uk