



Year 5 Newsletter

We discover and realise the genius in everyone!

Dear Parents...

Welcome back! We are really looking forward to supporting your children on their learning journey in Year 5! We will be delving into some exciting topics this half term and hope that the children will share their fascinating learning with you through discussions at home. Now more than ever, that connection between school and home is so important so we really hope that we can all work together to make as much progress for your children as possible.

Miss Robertson, Mr Corrish, Miss Bayoh and Mrs Newman.

TOPIC FOCUS: ENOUGH FOR EVERYONE

In this fascinating topic, the children will learn about the needs of a settlement and the planet as a whole. The children will also find out where resources, such as power and food, come from and look at ways in which natural resources can be conserved. They will also consider how their actions impact on others around the world and how they can make changes to ensure that there is enough for everyone. In Science the children will learn about space and the planetary bodies in our solar system. The children will learn about the movement of the planets, their relative sizes and distance from the sun. During this half term, the children will use textile artist Karen Rose as inspiration for their art unit. In computing, they will be listening to and creating their very own podcasts.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

All children must bring their PE kits to school every Monday and take the kits home on Friday. Please ensure your child has trainers in their PE kit.

We do not recommend that children under the age of ten walk home alone. However, if you would like them to, you must sign and return a school form. Please ask the office or your child's teacher for more details.

We would just like to clarify that we do not train or coach pupils for the 11 plus selection tests.

IMPORTANT DATES

London Print Prize workshop

Monday 18th
September
Thamesmead
Wednesday 27th
September RA

Year 5 Trip to Royal Observatory

5RC & 5NN Tuesday
10th October, 2023.

5AR & 5HB -
Thursday 12th
October, 2023

Swimming

5RC & 5AR start their swimming lessons on Thursday 14th and Friday 15th September. Please ensure your child brings their swimming kit (including swimming caps) every week.

Parents evening

Wednesday 12th
October and
Thursday 12th
October, 2023.

English

To begin our English this half term, we will explore a wonderful book called 'In our Hands' by Lucy Farfort. The narrative is told through the eyes of a young girl, who is determined to grow a seed of hope that will inspire everyone to come together and build a better future. Our aim is to reconnect after the summer break, fostering togetherness as a whole school community.

This unit will be followed up by 'Cosmic' by Frank Cottrell Boyce, which is linked to our Space topic. The children will learn about how an author's use of language, structure and illustrations can affect the reader. We will also write a letter from a character's perspective and a diary entry in role. In our biographies unit, we will write a biography of an inspirational female scientist, Katherine Johnson.

Maths

We are continuing our mastery approach to maths, whereby we spend longer on topics so that the children gain a deeper understanding of

mathematical concepts. This half term, the children will be furthering their understanding of the following topics:

- Place value
- Addition and subtraction
- Multiplication and division

We are really concentrating on our times tables this term to ensure that ALL children can recall up to 12x12 times tables rapidly. This term we are focusing on the 4x and 8x tables. Please help your children practise these at home.

ONLINE SAFETY

Please remind your child of e-safety whenever they use the internet and other electronic devices such as mobile phones. We encourage you to regularly monitor their use and ensure parental controls are in place.

If you would like any further advice on e-safety, please feel free to speak to any of the teachers and we will be happy to help you.

HOME LEARNING

Project Homework: Children will have their homework sent out electronically on Showbie with a due date for each piece of home learning. Homework should be sent back through photographs via Showbie and children are also encouraged to bring their homework into school.

Spelling: Spellings must be practised often. Please encourage your child to use the online platform - Spelling Shed to practise their spellings. A paper copy of the spelling list will also go home weekly and will be tested weekly as well. You can also find a copy of the Year 5 statutory spelling words attached to this term's homework.

Times Table Rock Stars: Please continue to encourage your child to practise their times tables through the use of Times Table Rock Stars! We are really working on improving the children's speed and accuracy in their times tables so we encourage all children to spend 10 minutes a day on this at home.

Reading: In addition, your child should practise reading every day and record this in their Reading Champions book. The children will go home with both their book banded book and a novel of their choice. Your child also has access to the e-library called SORA. They can log in using their Showbie log in details to read e-books online from home.