



Year 5 Newsletter

We discover and realise the genius in everyone!



5RC taking part in the London Print Prize.

Dear Parents...

We are really looking forward to continuing our learning journey this half term. We will be learning about some fascinating topics and hope that the children will share this exciting learning with you through discussions at home.

Miss Robertson, Mr Corrish, Mrs Newman and Miss Bayoh

TOPIC FOCUS: THE MAJESTIC MAYANS!

For our curriculum topic this half term, the children will learn about the history and remarkable achievements of the Ancient Mayan civilisation and the key features of their culture! They will contrast their own history with that of the Maya people. In Science, they will be learning about forces, including gravity, air resistance and friction. In Computing, they will use a programming language created by Apple called 'Swift Playgrounds'. This app will be used to create code for their very own game.

IMPORTANT DATES

10th-15th November

Book Fair

Tuesday 14th November

5AR and 5NN - Science museum trip

Thursday 16th November

5RC and 5HB - Science museum trip

Tuesday 12th December

Thamesmead and Royal Arsenal Christmas performances (2pm)

Wednesday 20th December

Christmas parties

Thursday 21st December

Last day of term

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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

Swimming for 5RC and 5AR will be continuing up to and including Friday 9th December.

English

This half term, we will be studying the text 'The Last Wild' by Piers Torday. The children will engage in discussions, which will include raising questions and debating ideas. They will write in a variety of forms including a newspaper front page and a poem. To end the unit, the children will write their very own ending for the text.

Maths

This half term, the children will further their understanding of multiplication and division. They will practise their fluency, problem solving and reasoning in a range of areas such as prime numbers, multiples, factors, cube and square numbers.

This term we will be concentrating on the 3x and the 6x times tables. Please practice these at home.

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

Please ensure your child wears correct school uniform every day. See the school website for further details.

ONLINE SAFETY

Please remind your children 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.

Please note: we do not train or coach pupils for the 11 plus selection tests.

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 it into school.

Spelling: Spellings must be practised often. Please encourage your child to use the new online platform - Spelling Shed - to practise their spellings. A paper copy will also go home weekly. Spellings will be tested weekly.

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.



5NN in Greenwich Park