



Year 5 Newsletter

We discover and realise the genius in everyone!



5RC creating parachutes to land an object safely back to earth.

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, Miss Bayoh and Mrs Newman.

TOPIC FOCUS: BRILLIANT BIOMES!

For our Geography topic this half term, the children will be learning about the various biomes of the world. We will look at climate zones; adaptations of plants and animals to survive; along with the assorted threats to biomes. In Computing, the children will learn about the importance of E-safety and how to use technology respectfully and responsibly. In Science, we will be learning about the life cycles of various living organisms and how humans develop from babies to old-age. As part of this topic the children will be able to watch chicks hatch from their eggs and grow for two weeks. Linking to our geography topic, in Art, the children will look at various pieces of artwork, with a specific focus on the work of the famous artist, Georgia O' Keefe. O'Keefe's work will act as inspiration for the children, ahead painting their own biome.

IMPORTANT DATES

31st January

Careers Day for Years 5 and 6.

7th February (evening)

Shakespeare Schools performance of Twelfth night.

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.

This term 5HB will be swimming on a Thursday morning and 5NN will be swimming on a Friday morning. Each child must remember their swimming costume along with a towel. Goggles are not required. No balms/creams.

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.

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

English

This half term, we will be studying *Floodland*, by Marcus Sedgwick. The children will study grammatical features such as modal verbs and parenthesis. They will engage in discussions, which will include raising questions and debating ideas. They will write in a variety of forms, including letters and persuasive speeches.



5HB in P.E.

Maths

This half term, the children will begin to deepen their understanding of fractions and will later extend this to decimals and percentages. They will learn how to add and subtract fractions; order and compare them; learn how to convert to and from mixed numbers into improper fractions as well as finding equivalent fractions.

The children will continue to use problem-solving skills to carry out maths investigations as well as rapidly recalling times tables and their associated facts.

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.

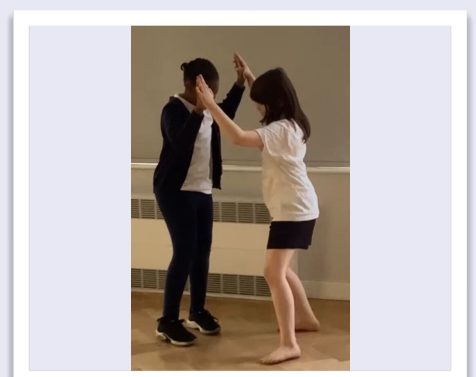
HOME LEARNING

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 practicing their dance