

Autumn 1



Year 5 Curriculum Newsletter

Welcome to Year 5!

It has been wonderful to welcome all the new Year 5 children to Emerson Valley School. They have all settled in very well.

During the year we are looking forward to working closely with you. Please feel free to come and see us if you have any questions or just to say hello. The best time to catch the teachers for a quick chat is after school.

The members of the Year 5 team are:

Mr Roxburgh (5AR Teacher/Team leader)

Mr Salmon (5LS Teacher)

Miss Hulse (5KH Teacher)

Miss Goldsmith/ Mrs Cole and Mrs Hyde(TA)

Miss Jones (HLTA)

The Curriculum

English

This term pupils will be developing their fiction writing, beginning with the creation of their own Sci-Fi narrative (inspired by a video called Planets). They will learn how to write an effective character description and narrative based on a space setting. Following on from this, pupils will build on this descriptive knowledge and later create a diary entry based on the best-selling book Wonder, which is this half term's class reader.

Maths

Within Maths, we will initially be revisiting key Place Value skills including:

- To read, write, order and compare numbers to at least 1,000,000.
- To determine the value of each digit.
- To count forwards or backwards in steps of powers of 10 for any given number up to 1,000,000.
- To round any number up to 1,000,000 to the nearest 10, 100, 1,000, 10,000 and 100,000.
- To interpret negative numbers in context.
- To read Roman numerals to 1000 (M) and recognise years written in Roman numerals.

Within the remaining weeks of Autumn 1, pupils will learn various Addition and Subtraction methods, allowing them to solve calculations involving numbers with 4-digits and more.

Wider Curriculum

This first half term's topic is Space. Within this topic, we will be exploring lots of awe-inspiring lessons including:

- Celestial objects,
- Lunar phases,
- Different models of the Solar System,
- The seasons.

Music-Pupils will be taught by Mrs Bosdet again! This half term in music we will be studying a piece of music by Jean Sibelius to help develop our listening skills as well as using this piece of music to create their own variation to perform as a class ensemble.

PE- Pupils will be taught by Mr Moloney and Mr Bolesta, starting with Cross Country. These lessons will take place on a Monday and a Friday.

Geography- we are currently looking at volcanoes. The children will be enquiring about how volcanoes affect the lives of the people who live in Hiermaey, Iceland.

Computing- pupils will continue to develop their skills in coding and also learn about the importance of Internet Safety.

Art- Pupils will be exploring printing techniques, including block, relief and mono-printing.

PSHE- The children are looking at their rights and responsibilities, goals and dreams and how these may differ from different countries across the globe.

Educational Enrichment

This term as part of our Space topic, we have arranged for a planetarium dome to be set up in the hall. This interactive experience will fully immerse the children into the wider universe taking them on a tour of the milky way and all the celestial bodies that belong there.

Reading

Please make sure that your child is reading four times a week and that these are recorded in your child's reading diary.

Spellings

We will be testing the children on the 3/4 and the 5/6 spelling lists and we will be sending these home for your information. These are the words that the children should know and will be learning throughout the year. Although the children will continue to have spelling lessons in school, we will no longer have weekly spelling tests.

Homework

Homework will be sent via parent mail on W/C 11th September. It is in the same grid format as last year. There are three English tasks, from Mirodo, three Maths tasks, from Mirodo and three Curriculum tasks, project based. Children are to complete an item from the grid each week. The projects can be given to the class teacher when they are completed.

Things to remember or diary dates here

11.09.23

Homework to be sent out via parentmail.

12.09.23

Meet the teacher parent drop-in presentation 15:25-16:00pm.

26.09.23

Space dome arrives at school.

21.10.23

End of term.