

Autumn 2



Year Curriculum Newsletter

Welcome back to Year 5!

CHRISTMAS IS COMING! But before it does, we have a busy, fun filled half term of hard work planned. A big thank you to all the children for their hard work last half term and for settling in so well. It was lovely to see so many children apply for the extra responsibilities of Student Council and Junior Park Rangers. We look forward to seeing you all at parents evening and the upcoming events towards the end of term.

The Curriculum

English:

This term our English lessons are inspired by the book Beowulf, which is our class reader for this half term. We start by writing a historical narrative and go on to write non-chronological report based on one of the fearsome creatures from the book.

Reading:

They will learn to understand what they have read by drawing inferences such as inferring characters' feelings, thoughts and motives from their actions, and justifying inferences with evidence from the text. We have many texts which mostly centre around our historical topic. Finally, this half term's class text is Beowulf by Michael Morpurgo.

Maths:

Within Maths, we will initially be revisiting Multiplication and Division To consolidate learning using multiples. To consolidate learning using factors. To complete end of topic test for Multiplication and Division.

We will then be learning about fractions including: equivalent, improper and mixed number fractions. Year 5 will also be comparing fractions and adding or subtracting the different types of fractions.

History:

This half term's topic is Vikings. The main enquiry question, is; *What did the Vikings want and how did Alfred help to stop them getting it?* To answer this question the children will be enquiring about long ships, the "terror" of the Vikings, treasures sought by the Vikings, we also look at the myths of Viking helmets.

Science:

Year 5 will be looking at forces this half term. During the half term the children will be identifying and knowing the effect of friction, finding out what gravity is and its impact on our lives. Identifying and knowing the effect of air resistance. Identifying and knowing the effect of water resistance. Explaining how levers, pulleys and gears allow a smaller force to have a greater effect.

Music:

This term's music is on African drumming, so the children will be learning how to play the drums. At the end of the term the parents will be invited to watch this performance.

PE:

This term's PE is Basketball and Dance. In basketball the children will be learning how to dribble, pass and shoot within the laws of the game. In dance children will be learning rhythm and movement.

Computing: This half term the children will learning how to code in their computing lessons. Starting on the efficiency of coding all the way to learning how to create different coding strings.

PSHE: This term our PSHE topic is titled celebrating difference. Children will be exploring different cultures and how they differ. They are going to have an anti- bullying week and also look at economic differences across cultures.

DT: This half term our DT is based on seasonality, and we are looking at soups. Children will be learning the skills of slicing, dicing and boiling soups. They will also be looking at food production and where this comes from.

Reading

Please make sure that your children are reading four times a week.

Homework

Homework will be sent via Parent Mail on Friday 4th November. It is in the new grid format. 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.

Value of the month for
November:



Value of the month for
December:



Things to remember or diary dates here.

FRIENDs of EVS Disco:

Thursday 16th November

Individual and sibling school photographs:

Friday 3rd November

Parent Consultations:

Monday 6th & Wednesday 8th November

Antibullying Week:

Monday 13th - Friday 17th November

Odd Socks Day:

Monday 13th November

Children in Need:

Friday 17th November