

Year 5 Newsletter

Spring 1



Dear Parents/Carers:

Welcome back to the first half of the spring term. We hope you and your children had a hugely enjoyable Christmas holiday. This half-term we hope that the children will feel excited by the new topics they will be studying and that they continue to work hard and make some fantastic progress in their learning. We are all thoroughly looking forward to researching more about the Victorian era.

Please ensure your child attends school with a coat as they will require this when out in the playground during playtimes and lunchtimes.

Home Learning and Reading Records:

We place a great deal of importance on reading. Research shows that children who read regularly, and enjoy reading, make better progress and as a result enjoy greater future success. Therefore, it is expected that all children are reading every evening for 20 minutes and recording this in their reading record.

To ensure we work together to improve your child's reading success we would like to ask you to monitor their daily reading closely and ensure they record their reading in their reading record. You can also choose to sign their record to evidence their commitment to reading.

Please encourage your child to spend some time researching further information about their wider curriculum topic. They will be expected to complete one project about their learning each half term.

If you have any queries regarding home learning, please do not hesitate to discuss these with your child's class teacher after school or by arranging an appointment.

Year 5 Class Teachers

The Year 5 Team

Australia:

Miss Hirah Ahmed

Japan:

Mrs Rizwana Qureshi

Madagascar:

Ms Toni Hart

New Zealand:

Miss Fahima Khan

Additional Teachers:

Mr David Ryan
Miss Katrinne Langois

Teaching Assistants

Mr. Gavin Watson
Ms Rosa Davis

Year Group Leader:

Miss Hirah Ahmed

Deputy Headteacher:

Ms Tracey Baillie

**If you have any questions
or concerns, please
approach your child's class
teacher**

We are planning to visit Kensington Palace this term as part of our topic on Queen Victoria.

More information about dates to follow.



PE Days

Australia & Japan:

Tuesday and Wednesday

Madagascar & New Zealand:

Wednesday and Thursday

Please ensure that your child has their PE kit, including a change of shoes.

PE kits should be brought to school on Tuesday and taken home to wash on Thursday.

Appropriate clothing suitable for the winter weather should be brought in. Your child will still require a bottle of water.

Curriculum

This term's topics:

English:

This term we will delve into a text by Jacqueline Wilson called Hetty Feather, which is set during the Victorian era. The children will have the opportunity to write a diary entry in first person, focusing on the use of tense and developing their use of emotion. We will also be exploring the features of non-fiction writing and we will be retrieving and recording information from non-fiction texts.

Maths:

This term we will be learning about a variety of fractions and we will be comparing as well as ordering those which have a different denominator. We will learn to add and subtract fractions as well as to multiply fractions by a whole number. In addition, we will discover what equivalent fractions are and how they are formed.

Wider Curriculum:

This term we will be learning about The Victorians. We will be exploring what life was like living in the east end of London during the Victorian era, as well as creating fact files about Queen Victoria and discovering important changes or events which took place within this period in history.

Science:

This term the children will be learning about living things and their habitats.

Religious Education:

This term we will be considering what inner forces affect the way in which we think and behave.