

Homework

Homework will be mainly online and will be given to the children every Friday. Should your child not have access to a suitable device at home, homework can be provided as a paper copy—please just let me know.

Spelling will be assigned on the Spelling Shed app and on a paper copy. The paper copy does not need to be returned if completed online but please do return it if you prefer to complete homework on paper.

Reading books—children will bring home their Accelerated Reader book each day. Please encourage your child to read as much as possible at home. Children will be given chapters of the class text to read at home.

It would be beneficial for children continue to use the Times Table Rock Stars App at home.

Important Dates *The key dates for the Spring Term are:*

22.01.24 Clubs start
22.01.24 Year 5 Eyes on Mars Session
01.02.24 Year 5 Hoops 4 Health at the Vertu Motors Arena—more details to follow
06.02.24 Safer Internet Day
09.02.24 Chinese New Year Day
16.02.24 Break up for Half Term
26.02.24 INSET Day—school closed to pupils
27.02.24 Start of Spring Term 2
05.03.24 Year 5/6 Mini hockey tournament
07.03.24 World Book Day
14.03.24 Year 5/6 football
18.03.24 Last week for clubs
20.03.24 World Oral Health Day
21.03.24 Year 5/6 football
26/27.03.24 Parent Consultations—more details to follow
28.03.24 Easter Egg Competition
28.03.24 Last day of term

SPRING TERM 2024



Working together, we succeed

Class 5:
Miss Hedley

**Information for children,
parents and carers**

During this term we will be learning:

English:

This term we will be focusing on Kensuke's Kingdom by Michael Morpurgo. This is a story about a boy who becomes shipwrecked on an island but does not feel like he is alone. We will look at predictions, summarising and interpreting the text as well as writing narratives, recounts, a biography and non-chronological reports. We will also study a poetry unit on Calligrams. We shall continue to develop our spelling and grammatical knowledge throughout.

Mathematics: we will cover these areas throughout the term:

Understanding and investigating with numbers:

- place value, ordering and rounding
- properties of numbers and number sequences
- fractions, decimals and percentages

Developing and applying calculation:

- addition and subtraction/multiplication and division

Measurement

Geometry:

- properties of shapes
- position and direction

Statistics:

- Interpreting, constructing and presenting data

Science: Properties and changes of materials:

Pupils should be taught to:

- > compare and group together everyday materials on the basis of their properties,
- > know that some materials will dissolve in liquid to form a solution, and describe how to recover a substance from a solution
- > use knowledge of solids, liquids and gases to decide how mixtures might be separated, including through filtering, sieving and evaporating
- > give reasons, based on evidence from comparative and fair tests, for the particular uses of everyday materials, including metals, wood and plastic
- > demonstrate that dissolving, mixing and changes of state are reversible changes
- > explain that some changes result in the formation of new materials, and that this kind of change is not usually reversible, including changes associated with burning and the action of acid on bicarbonate of soda

History:

This term we have a geographical focus.

Geography:

We will be studying the USA and using geographical skills such as mapping, understanding and comparing human and physical geographical features and looking more closely at The Grand Canyon. We will also look at how volcanoes are formed.

Art/Design Technology:

Art work will be linked to our USA topic and will focus on Pop Art and studying some key artists from this genre. Our DT work will be based on healthy eating and cooking Bolognese.

French:

Revision of core vocabulary

School Food

PHSE:

Our World, our money.

RE:

Christianity will look at God as a Spirit and Islam will focus on Muhammed and why he is so important for Muslims.

Music:

The children will continue to have a specialist music teacher to teach them how to play the drums this term.

PE

Basketball and Dance—The Circus

PE days are Tuesday and Thursday this term.

Computing

Using Excel to produce and use spreadsheets and using databases.