



Friday 19th April 2024

Year 5 Summer Newsletter

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to the Summer Term of Year 5. Please find below the main topics that we will be looking at this term along with general information regarding organisation and expectations.

English & Maths

In English, we will be looking at narrative units based on the text Macbeth by William Shakespeare and The Highwayman by Alfred Noyes. We will also be looking at writing biographies about inspirational people.

In Maths this term, we will focus on fractions, shape, decimals and percentages and measurement. We would like the children to continue to use Times Table Rockstars to help with their times table learning as this area is important with many areas of mathematics. It is really important that the children access this at home via their logins as well as the opportunities we are giving them at school. If your child has lost their login, please speak to your child's teacher.

For the other subjects that we will be covering, please see the table below:

Summer 1	Summer 2
Science – Living things and their habitats (life cycles and reproduction)	Science – Animals including humans (human growth and puberty)
Geography – rainforests, biomes and vegetation belts	History – Anglo Saxons
Computing – Game creator & 3D modelling	Computing – Word processing
DT – Mechanical systems	Art – Illuminated letters
PSHE – Being My Best & First Aid	PSHE – Growing and Changing
RE – Sacred places	RE - Symbol
PE – Rounders	PE – Athletics – track and field



PSHE

We shall be covering the concepts of Growing and Changing, progressing from the content the children were taught last year. A more detailed outline of this will be sent to parents as a separate letter shortly.

Homework

This continues to be given out on a Friday and is due back in school the following Friday ready to be class marked. If your child is unable to complete their homework at home or needs additional support, teachers will be available in classrooms on a Thursday lunch time. Paper homework will alternate between English and Maths each week. This term we have decided to stop formal spelling tests and instead will be focusing on learning key spellings within class.

Independent/Regular Reading

We continue to expect the children to be reading regularly at home (at least 4 times a week) and recording it in their reading journal. Children are expected to write the title of the book that they have read which links to each genre. As the children are now in Year 5, we allow them to record their own comments however we encourage them to write sensible, quality comments about what they have read. We regularly listen to children read in school so it is important that the reading journal is in school each day.

PE Kit

PE will continue to be on a Wednesday morning and Thursday afternoon. Children will come to school dressed in their PE kits for these days. This should consist of a plain white t-shirt and blue/black shorts/joggers. No football kits should be worn. As the weather (hopefully) gets warmer, please ensure that your child has a water bottle and sunhat as needed. Earrings need to be removed or taped on PE days. Please ensure your child brings tape to school if they need to tape them.

DT Project

This term, we will be creating moving toys using a cam mechanism. Each child will be creating one independently. We would like to ask each child to bring in a full sized cereal box (not broken down) in order to help them create their final product. We find that those with larger edges/sides work best for this project.



Please could you send a named cereal box in by **Friday 3rd May 2024**. If you have any issues with sourcing a box, please speak to your child's teacher.

Geography Project

This term we will be embarking on a rainforest project. To further enhance our learning, we will be making models of the rainforest. If you have any empty shoeboxes, could these please be brought into school by **Friday 3rd May** for the children to use.

Thank you for your continued support with your child. If you have any questions or queries, please feel free to speak to your child's teacher on the door or via the year group email: year5@pdp.w-berks.sch.uk

Yours Sincerely,

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Year 5 Teachers