

Year 5 Newsletter

Spring Term 2020

Issue 2

English



The range of genres for this term consists of Victorian literature, debates based upon contemporary news issues, poetry, letters and recounts. We will be looking at the works of two significant authors; Charles Dickens during Victorian literature and Michael Foreman later in the term.

Children will also continue to work on the structure and content of their writing and consolidate their knowledge of punctuation and grammar. We will begin to explore the use of more complex punctuation, such as colons, semi-colons and brackets and children will begin to use these in their writing. They will continue to hone their editing skills.

All children should have home/school reading books and we expect them to be reading on a regular basis. The children should be completing their 100 book reading challenge booklets to document the books they are reading.

Maths



During this term the children will build on their previous knowledge and apply their understanding to real life problems and carry out investigations. Mental calculation strategies continue to be a focus and the Maths lessons will contain oral and mental mathematics, working towards quick recall of addition and subtraction, multiplication and division facts and visualisation of numbers. We will also re-visit fractions, decimals and percentages and cover topics on 3D shapes, co-ordinates, angles, and handling data.

Science

Our first Science topic for this term is **Forces**. We will be learning about and investigating different forces: such as gravity, weight, friction, air resistance, up-thrust, magnetism and elasticity.

After this, our topic will be **Earth and Space**. We will focus on



the physics of the solar system, leading to an understanding of the relationship between the Earth, Sun and Moon.



Other Subjects

History

This term the **History** topic will be 'The Anglo Saxons and Vikings'. The children will be discovering who the Vikings and Anglo Saxons were by looking at what their family life was like as well as their jobs and hobbies. The children will be looking at a range of sources, using their investigative skills to gain a better understanding of the beliefs and traditions of the Anglo Saxons and Vikings as well as understanding their influence on Britain. We will also be making Anglo-Saxon biscuits as part of our cooking/D&T curriculum.

Art

In **Art**, the children will have the opportunity to explore the work of classic British artists such as Thomas Gainsborough, Lucian Freud and David Hockney as well as more controversial artists like Banksy. They will learn to use different techniques and mediums in order to tell stories in pictures; paint landscapes and draw portraits .

Design and Technology

Our main **D & T** topic for this term is money containers. The children will design and make their own purse/wallet.

R.E.

In **R.E.** this term we will be studying stories from the Old testament as well as Christianity around the World and the events leading up to Holy Week and then Easter.

Computing

This term in **Computing** the pupils learn more about communicating information securely through an introduction to cryptography (the science of keeping communication and information secret). They will investigate early methods of communicating over distances, learn about two early ciphers, and consider what

makes a secure password.

Music

In **Music**, the theme will be "Jingles and song-writing". The pupils will be composing radio jingles and learning how to write their own songs using a framework.

French

Our **French** topics will include ordering food and discussing mealtimes, the alphabet, directions and journeys. We are also lucky enough to have some French students visiting the school and they will be helping to teach some of the children these topics.



P.E.

P.E sessions for this term will involve hockey, dance, netball, gymnastics and tag rugby. Children must have full PE kit in school at all times to enable them to participate in lessons.

Other Information

Pencil Cases

We have noticed that there is a large proportion of children in the year group that are coming to school not equipped for their day ahead. It is essential that your child has a **handwriting pen and pencil**. This will help with their organisational skills, which in turn will ease their transition to secondary school.

Homework

Thank you for your continued support with **homework**. Children will continue to receive a Maths based homework, spellings to learn plus an additional homework each Thursday.



Please remind your child that homework is due in on a Tuesday.

Trips

Our trip this term is focussed around our Victorian literature topic in English. And children attend the trip dressed as Victorian children.

Gunnersbury Park

5I & 5C – Tuesday 21st January

5T—Thursday 23rd January