

Life in All its Fullness - Come and See



Year 5

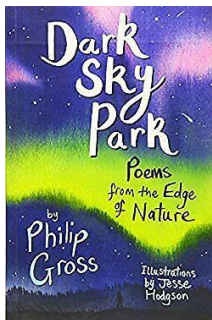
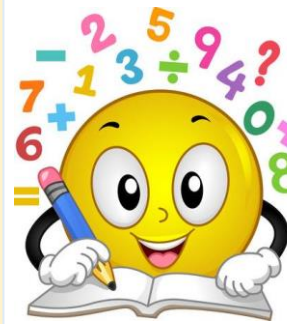
Autumn 2023 Newsletter



Welcome to a new year and to Year 5. We have lots planned and cannot wait to start our learning journey together. This term, Mrs Cole will be teaching all day Monday, all day Tuesday and Wednesday morning along with all day Friday. Mrs Campbell will teach Wednesday afternoon and all day Thursday. Mrs Daniell and Mrs Godfrey will also be ably supporting the class throughout the week.

Maths

This term, we will be exploring place value up to the millions and including decimals and negative numbers. We will also investigate and strengthen our mental methods in multiplying and dividing numbers by 10, 100 and 1,000. After this, we will then move onto the properties of numbers, including identifying prime and composite numbers. We will continue to look at number after half term, before moving onto more formal methods of calculation. The children will also build on their previous understanding of fractions; how they can be compared, ordered, added and subtracted. Throughout the term, the children will also use this knowledge to help them solve problems in volume, capacity and shape.



English

This year, we are excited to be kicking off the teaching of English, in every class across the school, with a poetry unit. The aim of these units is to immerse the children in rich vocabulary and language, that will inspire them and demonstrate how words can evoke emotion from the reader at every level. We are really excited that in Year 5, we will be exploring poems such as 'Night Walker' and 'Dark Sky Park', which celebrate nature at its finest. Moving forward, we are currently updating the texts that are taught across the school. You will be able to see these detailed on our long-term plans, when they are published on the class pages of our website over the next couple of weeks.

Science

Over the next half term, the children's Science topic will focus on 'Forces'. The children will explore what a force is, the different types of forces that exist around us and how forces are used by different objects and inventions to help us in everyday life. In the second half term, the children will re-visit 'Materials'. We will use what the children have learned in previous years to explore the properties of materials, linking them to dissolving, separating and how to make reversible and irreversible changes.



Geography/History

In the first half term, we will have a Geography focus on mapping. We will be looking at the world as a whole, and how places are identified and located using longitude and latitude. We will also explore how the world is divided into time zones and why.

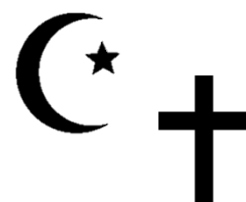
After half term, our History focus, will be on the Anglo-Saxons. We will study who they were, where they came from, their settlements and how they lived their lives as a community. This will lead up to a study, later in the year, on the Viking invasions.



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RE

Our focus in the first half term will be on the world faith, Islam and the Islamic holy book. The children will explore the big question 'What does the Qur'an reveal to Muslims about Allah and his guidance?' In the run up to Christmas, the focus will shift to Christianity asking the question 'Why is the Gospel such good news for Christians?'



Art and DT



Art and DT will be alternated each half term. In the first part of the Autumn term, the children will study 'Drawing' and how we can use different pencil strokes to add depth, shadows and movement. In the second half term, the children will study 'Frame Structures' and how to confidently choose the correct materials and tools to create a 3D frame.

PE

This term, the children will have PE on a **Monday** and a **Tuesday**. Please could the children come to school wearing their PE kit on these days. PE may be indoors or outdoors, so please ensure your child has a named jumper/hoody and jogging bottoms/leggings if it is cold.

This term, the units focus on Basketball, Gymnastics, Dodgeball and Athletics.



Computing



As always, online safety will be a focus at the start of this term. The children will explore how to keep themselves safe when using different devices and how to deal with problems effectively if they should arise. We will then move onto 'Data Handling', looking at how information can be collected, presented and interpreted using different computer software.

PSHE

RHE will continue to be taught throughout the term using our excellent Jigsaw scheme. In the first half term, children will learn about 'Being Me' - what makes them special and unique along with understanding their own rights and the rights of others. In the second half term, we will look at 'Celebrating Difference' and how it is important to look beyond our own experiences and be a courageous advocate against the discrimination of others.



Music



This term, the children will study sea shanties and how to use beats and body percussion to accompany their singing. The children will also look at how voices are used when we sing and the feelings that evoked when we sing. As part of this, the children will also be practising Christmas songs for the annual KS2 Carol Concert in December.

Further information

Homework: This will be given weekly through Microsoft Teams and will usually include a maths and spelling task, though may also include different subjects.

Reading: Logins for 'Boom Reader' will be sent out shortly. Please record on here when your child has read.

Pick up: In Year 5, the children may walk to and from school by themselves if they have permission. If you would like your child to walk independently, please complete the form and return to the office or class teacher.

We are really looking forward to a wonderful term with you all.

Mrs Cole, Mrs Campbell, Mrs Godfrey and Mrs Daniell

