

Year 5 News - Spring Terms 3 and 4 2017



Latest News...

Welcome back to 2017 and a big welcome to Mr King who is joining the Year 5 team.



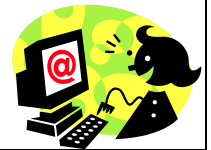
Term 3 will begin with a Science based topic on **Space**. Whilst Term 4 will start with a History based project - **The Anglo Saxons**. We have a wide range of activities planned and opportunities for you to share in the work we are doing. There will also be a chance for the children to work with Bath Spa students in exciting drama workshops. Masterclass will be restarted after February half term, with plenty of new and exciting workshops to choose from!

It is important to look at the School Website to keep up to date with letters, news and photos of your children and their work.

The school calendar is updated regularly and copies of all letters and the weekly



Newsletter can be downloaded from the site.



Curriculum for the Spring Terms 3 & 4

To start the New Year, the children will study a **Science** based topic on **Space** where they will look at planets, the solar system, the sun and moon. This will include looking at the solar system and Earth's place within it. Children will find out about the sun and moon and how day and night come about. They will be researching, making notes and drawing diagrams to explain these processes. During this topic, the children will also be looking at the history of Britain in Space and the impact of Tim Peake.



During Term 4 children will study a **History** based topic '**Anglo Saxons**' which will start with children finding out about who these warriors were and where they came from. We will also be looking at evidence and studying pictures and information from this time. During the project, children will learn about many aspects of Saxon life - including settlement and battles, village life, religion and exploration. They will have the chance to look at a genuine Saxon mystery in the form of the discovery at Sutton Hoo. There will be a range of research themes for children to work on in ICT. Through the cross-curricular approach they will be creating pictures of dragons and monsters in Art.

English – Children will continue with daily reading practice and quizzes following the Accelerated Reader programme, you can log onto the site to keep up to date with your child's progress. A voyage and return story will be written during the Space topic. They will read versions of some historical writing – the legend of Beowulf - and there will be opportunities to discuss this and create their own monster, battle and adventure for the hero. We will be linking this work with Art, DT and ICT when we are hoping to complete some animation projects based on the legend and using Lego!

Maths this term – following the new curriculum, your child will continue to work in their set on challenges and investigations, to develop the skills of using and applying the Maths they have learnt. Children will carry on using all four operations (+, -, x ÷) and extend their use of written methods. There will be opportunities to practise lots of mental strategies to enable them to complete maths challenges at speed. In term 3, children will start to look at measure and fractions. Then in term 4, they will continue to cover fractions and go onto look at percentages and decimals. The TABLES CHAMPIONS scheme will continue throughout the terms and in order to build their confidence, year 5 will be taking part in extra time tables lessons.



Home Learning and How You Can Help.

Following the school's homework policy, children should have the opportunity to read a range of texts with an **adult 3 times a week** - ask your child lots of questions and have fun discussing their opinions of the books they read and then sign in the HASP book. We provide a lunchtime club in school on



Wednesday to support the learning at home and to ensure all children are able to complete the tasks. Maths and English homework is set weekly, on a Thursday, and is **expected** back on a Tuesday. Tasks are set to support the learning in school and we strongly encourage them to complete all work set.

Your child has access to the online learning site Mathletics. We will set homework on this site fortnightly, and if you do not have internet access, there is a lunchtime club available.



PE /Games kits should be in school at all times. Children **must** have warm clothing, as outdoor games takes place in all kinds of weather! Kits should be labelled and in 2 separate bags. Due to the wet weather, it would also be useful to provide children with a plastic bag for any soggy clothes or muddy boots.

School Uniform. There is a clear uniform policy and all children are expected to wear the appropriate uniform. Please refer to school website uniform section for guidance.

School / Family Liaison...

We are always grateful for offers of help. We need readers, people to play games, and volunteers to help in class. Please pick up a volunteer pack from the office and see your class teacher if you can offer any time at all.

Class Assemblies:

5B - 3rd February

5C - 10th March

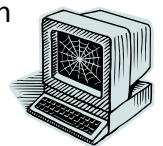
5W - 31st March



The Year 5 Teachers are always happy to meet to discuss your child's learning and progress, this is often best after school. Write a note in the HASP book, or pop into the office to arrange a suitable time.

You child's HASP Book is used daily for communication, and for your child to write in forthcoming events, **please ensure it is in school every day.**

Please check the Year 5 page on the school website regularly, to view pictures of your children this year and to keep up to date.



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