

YEAR 5
NEWSLETTER



Autumn Term 2

In English this half term:

Week 1 and 2: The children will be reading the story of The Lost Thing. They will be learning to write complex sentences and will plan and write their own story about The Lost Thing.

Week 3 and 4: The children will be learning about newspaper articles this week. They will be researching the moon landing and writing a newspaper article of this historical event.

Week 5 and 6: The children will be learning about explanation texts this week. They will be learning about purpose, audience, structure and language of this text type. They will then be writing their own explanation about planets.

Week 7 and 8: The children will be completing a poetry unit based on the Night before Christmas. They will be examining the techniques used and will be writing their own version of this famous poem.

In Maths this half term:

Week 1: The children will be learning about the links between multiplication and division. They will be taught to use short division to solve problems. Some children may be extended to look at long division.

Week 2: The children will be learning about measures including volume, working with conversions and applying measurement knowledge in a practical project.

Week 3: Children will be exploring prime and composite numbers, and beginning to investigate 2D and 3D shape.

Week 4: Children will be extending knowledge of shape, calculating missing angles and measuring angles.

Week 5 and 6: Children will be exploring fractions including comparing and ordering, equivalent fractions, mixed or improper and addition and subtraction of fractions.

Week 7: Children will be investigating area and perimeter, identifying including missing lengths and angles.

Week 8: Children will be exploring position and time with a Christmas theme.

Suggested activities to help your child in English this half term:

http://www.topmarks.co.uk/Flash.aspx?b=english/language_structure

http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/english/spelling_grammar/sentences/play/

Suggested activities to help your child in maths this half term:

<http://www.mrcrammond.com/games/KS2/measures.swf>

<http://www.topmarks.co.uk/Flash.aspx?b=maths/measures>

Other curriculum areas this half term:

In Science this half term the children will be learning about Space. They will be learning about the solar system, why earth is spherical, why we have day and night and seasons.

In History this half term, Year 5 children will be continuing the Ancient Egyptians before moving on to learning about the history of space travel.

In Art this half term, the children will be continuing to explore Ancient Egyptian art and completing numerous Christmas tasks, including their Christmas enterprise week entry.

In PSHE, the children will continue to learn about growth mindset and completing a PSHE unit called 'Getting on and falling out.'

In Music, the children will be learning about musical notation and will be developing their singing skills preparing for the Christmas Carol Concert.

In Computing this half term, the children will be learning about CAD and will be using Sketchup to model their designs.

In D&T, the children will be designing and making a CAM toy.

P.E this half term is Gymnastics and outdoor sport with Coach Parry.

In R.E this half term, the children will be answering the question: How is Christian faith expressed through worship?

Useful websites for this half term's curriculum learning:

http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/science/physical_processes/earth_sun_moon/read/1/

<http://www.esa.int/esaKIDS/>

<http://www.childrensuniversity.manchester.ac.uk/interactives/science/earthandbeyond/>

General Messages:

Lots of reading please!

Please encourage your child to read everynight at home. We are noticing children that are not reading are not as confident when answring comprhension questions.

Timestables:

Please test your child on their timestables. All children should know their timestables to 12x12 by the end of Year 5. This should then be extended to decimals timestables.

P.E

If your child is unable to do P.E, please let us know by writing a short letter. Kits should always be in school for the P.E sessions. Our P.E lessons this term are Tuesday and Thursday

Important Dates:

21st November: Astronomy Roadshow visiting.

23rd Novemeber: Reed's Launch Car Challenge - Ocean.

30th November: Reed's Launch Car Challenge - Swallow.

2nd December: Christmas Fair (12 - 3pm)

18th December: Year 5 and 6 Carol Service