

Year 5 Curriculum Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that you have had an enjoyable summer holiday and would like to welcome you to Year 5. We are very much looking forward to a happy and successful year.

We are very excited by our topic this term which is 'Bright Sparks'.

We will be focusing on the world of inventions and the remarkable inventors who have changed the world around us. We will look at some of the very earliest inventions right up to the modern day. Additionally, we will be studying electricity and circuits in Science and there will also be a mini topic centred around the human body.

Our English work will link to our topic work and will include writing reports, explanations, newspaper articles, instructions, and story writing.

In Maths, we will continue with the Passport targets from Y4 and be following the Y5 Mathematics Curriculum beginning with number, place value and calculation followed by work on geometry, measures and fractions.

In other curriculum areas we will be designing and making a toy or game that uses electricity in DT and completing a project relating to the invention of the bicycle followed by weaving in art. Our computing lessons will include a focus on internet safety and further development of basic skills. In RE we will be exploring the questions 'Why are some places and journeys special?' and 'Should we forgive others?'

PE Lessons

This term the PE days will be on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. Please ensure that your child has the correct PE kit in school for every lesson: a plain white or purple top, dark shorts, pumps and/or trainers. As the weather becomes colder, tracksuit bottoms will be appropriate as we will continue to do outdoor PE throughout the winter months. If your child trains for the rugby or football teams, they will need separate kit for this, so their PE kit remains clean.

Staff

Adults working in Tigris class this year are: Mrs Mitchell and Mrs Flanagan as class teachers and Miss Smith as a learning support assistant. Ms Virgin will continue to take the children for a weekly art lesson on Wednesday afternoon and Ms Earl will also be taking the children for their weekly French lesson on Tuesday afternoon. Mr Nash will also be in class supporting some lessons.

Water bottles

Please ensure that your child has a **named** water bottle in school. These will be filled for them every morning before school starts and the water will be changed each day.

Homework

This half-term's homework will be given out shortly along with the date for it to be completed by. Please remember it is still vitally important for children in Year 5 to read regularly and widely (every day is recommended). Further to this, please take every opportunity to give your child chances to practise their mental maths skills and Passport targets, spelling and handwriting. A skill that is essential for children in Year 5 is to know all their times table facts (up to 12 x 12) so if you know your child has some way to go to be able to achieve this, then please could you help them with this at home.

Finally, we would like to take this opportunity to say how much we are looking forward to this very important year with your children and getting to know them really well. Please do come and see us with any concerns or queries you may have or just to say hello and introduce yourself. It is usually easiest to catch us at the end of the school day at the classroom door. We firmly believe that your child's education requires a partnership between home and school and we want to enable your child to achieve their very best.

Thank you for your support,

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Mitchell

Mrs Flanagan

Staff working in class this half term	PE Days	Reading book day	Maths Passport day	Spelling day	Library book day
Mrs Mitchell (Mon-Wed) Mrs Flanagan (Wed-Fri) Miss Smith (Mon-Fri)	Tuesdays and Thursdays	Everyday – there are several times during the school day when children are expected to read to themselves so they need a reading book in school every day.	Tuesday – Please pop in and ask if you/your child are unsure of their targets.	Friday – children have a spelling test every Friday. They will bring home a list of words to learn each Monday.	Wednesday – children go to the library in small groups and can choose a new book each week from our fantastic school library.