



Year 5 Newsletter Autumn 2022



Hello and a warm welcome to Year 5! Please find below your child's class topic letter for Autumn term which outlines the topics your child will be learning about and some important information about arrangements for this term.

We have been busy settling in back together this week and have made a start with some of the topics we will be covering this half term. It's great to see how far the children have grown and progressed since I last taught them.

I will aim to be outside after school most afternoons should you wish to catch me about anything; alternatively, please let Mrs Gibson-Bone know if you would like to speak on the phone. Best wishes – Mrs Claire Pape.

Year 5 learning

A flavour of some of what we are going to be learning is here:
Maths: Number and Place Value (numbers up to 1 million!) involving rounding, ordering and negative numbers and Addition and Subtraction. Autumn 2 will involve measurement and multiplication and division.

English: Linked to our topic, we are reading and doing some narrative and diary work around the book 'The Journey of Iliona'. We will also write some Haiku poetry.

Science: Properties of and changes to Materials. This includes changes of state such as melting and evaporation and irreversible changes.

History (main topic): Romans – we will be learning about how and why the Romans invaded Britain, who tried to stop them and what legacies they left behind. Some of the children have already come up with their own inquiry questions for us to find out about too.

Geography: A study of Italy alongside our Romans topic – we will be learning weekly facts about an aspect of the country.

Art: Roman shields, mosaics and pottery and a water focus linked to Science using pastels to create light and reflections.

DT: We are going to have a go at making 'Roman bread'!

RE: Our topic is 'What does it mean if Christians believe God is holy and loving?' which links to bible stories and includes activities such as making stained glass windows, writing songs and visiting our church virtually if not in person.

PSHCE Jigsaw: Our topics for this term are Being Me in My World and Celebrating Difference.

Spanish: We will continue to develop our speaking, reading, writing and listening skills with units such as 'What is the date?'

Music: We are very lucky to be having weekly woodwind lessons this term.

Computing: We will be learning a variety of skills including using a database and vector drawing.

P.E: Children will need PE kits on Mondays and Wednesdays please – PE lessons will alternate between these days at points due to our timetable so it would be useful if kits could be in school both days. We plan to partake in Hockey in Autumn 1. We will also have weekly active learning sessions and regular Forest School sessions but children will not need to get changed at these times unless a message has been sent home prior to the date.

Please send your child with a full PE kit to change in to and suitable outdoor clothing and trainers. Long hair should be tied back and ear-rings removed where possible.

When ear-rings can't be removed, tape should be provided from home to cover please.

Swimming

Swimming is returning!! Our sessions will be on a Thursday morning throughout Autumn term so please send your child to school as normal this day with swimming costume and towel.

Fridays

Mrs Bendelow will be teaching the children on a Friday whilst I have my leadership time. This involves working on school priorities and with Miss Miller. Mrs Bendelow will oversee all transition in and out of school etc and is going to be teaching the class Science, Forest School and Art this term.

Playtime snacks

Children are welcome to bring a healthy snack for playtime; crisps, chocolate and sweets are not allowed and we operate a nut free policy in our school.

Home reading / Reading Records

Please return any school books no longer being used to school. The children are welcome to borrow books from our classroom book corner; they will also be issued with a reading circles book to read or alternative reading materials. Please ensure your child has their reading record in school on their reading circles day (see below) to be signed by myself and they are recording reading at home regularly – regular readers reap rewards!

Reading Circles/ Homework

Children will be set a weekly reading circles task and weekly maths and spelling tasks to be completed over the course of a week. I have noted the days when homework will be set and is due back to school in individual homework books as it is group dependent. During reading time, Mon-Thurs each group will work with me on their assigned day whilst the rest of the class access set independent learning tasks or work with another adult. Those who are not yet confident readers will also be heard reading in school as regularly as is possible by an adult. You can find out more about reading circles at our first parent information evening on Wednesday 14th.

Please check out our class page at

<http://www.escrickprimaryschool.co.uk/>

I will update this regularly with photos of what and how we've been learning ...

