



# Year 5 Newsletter Spring 2024



Despite being a long one, the weeks of Autumn term seemed to fly by and we're now entering our second term of Year 5; no doubt this one will fly with only two five-week blocks – it's going to be a challenge to fit everything in!

## Year 5 learning

An overview of our learning in spring term is here:

Maths: A big focus on all things fractions with some revision and some new content too will ensure the children are super secure with this topic before heading to Year 6 and beyond.

English: Linked to Science, we are going to begin reading Cosmic which is a funny tale of a boy who journeys in to space. We will be writing our own narratives based around this before moving on to persuasive writing and newspaper reports.

Science: Space in Spring 1 (hence the class book!) and Forces in Spring 2. We will do some DT work around forces using gears, levers and pulleys.

History and Geography: We have a full-term focus on Egypt so we will explore the human and physical geography of the country as well as learning about Ancient Egypt. We are attending a virtual visit to the British Museum in a couple of weeks to kick Ancient Egyptians off and there will be an enrichment day in Spring 2 when the children and I will have the opportunity to become Ancient Egyptians and parents/family members will be invited in to see us on this day (date TBC).

Art: We will explore some space Art, including an artist study, and draw Skyscrapers and Cityscapes linked to our Spring 2 class book. We will also create some Art linked to our new-to-Year 5 Egyptian topic.

RE: What does it mean to be a Muslim in Britain today? We will be learning about Islam and the lives of Muslims in our country and are hoping to secure a visit to a mosque so the children can see some of this learning firsthand.

PSHCE Jigsaw: Our whole school topics for this term are Dreams and Goals and Healthy Me.

Spanish: We learn speaking, listening, reading and writing skills in Spanish lessons. This term, our main topic is Pets.

Music: 'Make you feel my Love'. Exploring the song by Bob Dylan and more recently performed by Adele, the children will have an opportunity to work with our xylophones and chrome books. We love our music lessons and were particularly partial to a bit of Bon Jovi in October!

Computing: We will be creating databases and editing videos.

P.E: PE is moving to Wednesdays and Thursdays this half term. The children will continue to be taught Dance by Miss Sam on a Thursday for the time being. On Wednesdays, our PE specialist Ben will be teaching a session. Forest School continues to run fortnightly so our next session will be Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January. Long hair should be tied back and earrings removed, where possible, for all active activities please.

## Thursday afternoons

Mrs Cawthray will continue to oversee the class on a Thursday afternoon teaching Spanish and overseeing Dance.

## Labelled clothes/items

I often find unnamed items of clothing in our classroom and cloakroom area and the children aren't keen on claiming anything!! It would be great if clothes could be named please so I can get things back to where they belong. Thanks in advance.

## Reading Circles/ Homework

Children have been set new homework tasks this week. Some children have switched reading days due to a move between groups and a growing class. This has been explained to the children and is written in their green books. I continue to ask for reading records to be handed in weekly and children are awarded team points if they have been using these well.

## Playtime snacks

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

## Year 5 Calendar Dates

British Museum online visit Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January  
Years 4/5/6 celebration assembly Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February  
Egyptian Enrichment Day - date TBC  
Mosque Visit – date TBC

Best wishes, Mrs Claire Pape

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