

Year 5 class newsletter – Autumn 2 2024



TOPICS and learning

Victorians/Extreme Weather (History/Geography)

Our new topic in History is the Victorian Era. We will be exploring the differences between home and school life in the Victorian Era and today! We will also be having a Victorian themed dress up day with lots of fun Victorian activities! Our learning will cover the traditions and way of life of those in the Victorian era compared to our life today.

In Geography, Miss Miller will be delving into the excitement and horror of Extreme Weather! Continuing the learning from last half term on “Extreme Earth,” we will be exploring the Extreme Weather that happens all over, from heat waves to hurricanes!

Maths

At the core of our learning in maths, our times tables fact knowledge is key. Instant recall of these facts is important and will benefit us when learning more complicated topics. In maths we will be starting with a focus on Area and Perimeter and moving towards multiplication and division. We begin looking at volume later in Autumn term 2, which has a strong link to multiplication.

English

We are looking at both fiction and non-fiction texts this term. We will begin this term by writing our own Poems linked to our earlier Geography topic “Extreme Earth.” Followed on from this we will be exploring Biographies and writing our own. Our Class text is “A Christmas Carol” By Charles Dickens, which also links to our History Topic of the Victorian Era. We will be using this to help us write our own Narrative! There will be a strong focus on embedding our SPAG knowledge and learning the Year 5 elements in writing.

Science

In science we will continue our exploration of answering the big question “How do changes in states of matter benefit our lives today?” Continuing on from last term, we will carry out several investigations to understand how materials benefit us today. Moving forward we will also be conducting a scientific study, researching famous scientists. This will link to our history topic of the Victorian Era!

Music

In music we are learning about Jazz, exploring the “Three Note Bossa” and “Five Note Swing.” We will be learning about rhythm, comparing different jazz music and improvisation.

Jigsaw PSHE and RE

Our new puzzle piece for Jigsaw PSHE is ‘Celebrating Difference.’ In RE we are exploring “Why do Christians believe Jesus was the Messiah?” This topic will delve into how Christians apply the idea of Jesus saving us into life today.

Art/D&T

In art we will be looking at the specific artist, William Morris who created beautiful art work during the Victorian Era that is still used today! We will learn more about the techniques and imagery he used in his art work, alongside the history behind him as an artist. Alongside this, on our Victorian Day we will have a go at some Victorian Cooking!

Computing

In computing, we will be exploring video editing. We will be planning, capturing and editing videos to produce a short film. This will include a lot of collaborative work, and the children will be able to create a video in groups.

Spanish

Miss Miller will continue to teach Spanish this term. This half term the children will be learning “What is the date?” They will be learning the 12 months of the year and being able to ask and answer “What is the date?” as the weeks progress they will learn how to ask someone when their birthday is, and also state their birthday in Spanish.

Timetable and other info

PE and forest school – Wednesday PE, Friday PE and forest school – every other week.

We continue to have PE on Wednesday afternoons with Mr Wood: PE kits need to be in school on Wednesdays. We have PE every other Friday, with forest school on alternate Friday mornings. Forest School begins 15th November. Please ensure FULL forest school kit is provided, including wellies/old shoes, and suitable trousers and cover ups/waterproofs depending on the weather.

Spellings and homework

Each child has their own designated days for homework.

New spellings will be given out on your child’s homework day. These follow the Year 5/6 spelling rules or include words related to topics learnt.

Maths homework will be given on your child’s homework days. Maths homework will be related to what we have been learning in class the week prior.

Reading roles will continue to be sent home along with the book they are reading in their groups. Children are expected to read the pages given and complete the reading role task. These are available in the front of their homework book for more understanding. Homework should be handed in on their homework day at the latest. Please note that there are consequences for repeated incomplete homework.

Thank you for your continued support, Miss Polkey.