

Year 5 Newsletter (Spring)



Our topics this term are: 'Toot and come in' and 'How Great is Britain?'

- Lemur Class will be taught by Mrs Watson and supported by Mrs Church and Mrs Hardy
- Koala Class will be taught by Mrs Cozens and supported by Mrs Church and Mrs Hardy

In class we will be learning about:

English: Looking at Reading for Meaning, Non-chronological reports, biographies, auto-biographies and poetry and its performance. We will continue to regularly include reading and comprehension across English and other subjects. In spelling, punctuation and grammar our topics will be concentrating on synonyms, apostrophes for possession and contractions, homophones, brackets and dashes and adverbial phrases.

Mathematics: Learning to read, interpret and create bar charts and line graphs and find the mode of a set of data, Roman numerals, fractions including simple addition and subtraction of fractions, order of Operations and reusing our skills to use column addition, subtraction and multiplication as well as further developing our division skills, shapes and their properties including symmetry and telling the time.

Science: Forces, push and pull, air and water resistance moving onto the life cycles of plants and animals.

History: Researching and exploring the Indus Valley.

Geography: The geography of Great Britain and then focussing on Dunstable and the local areas and its amenities.

Art: We will be linking art to our topics across the curriculum.

RE: The significance of Easter to Christians

DT: For Design and Technology looking at textiles initially with Mrs Hrycia, then moving onto cooking later in the term. The other half of each class will be with their class teacher designing and creating Totem Poles and musical instruments.

PSHCE: Lots of discussion when we looking at finance and the importance for budgeting throughout our life. This will involve an investigation into mobile phones and the types of deals that are available, deciding which would be the best deal according to a budget.

PE: Basketball and gymnastics taught by our Sports Coach Mr Hewitt.

Computing: Algorithms and coding taught by Mrs Higgins.

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Dates for your diary:

Friday 3rd February- Dick Whittington theatre performance

Friday 3rd February- PTA Discos

Friday 10th February- Lemur Class Assembly

Friday 10th February- Last day of the half term

Monday 13th February- Friday 17th February- half term

Monday 20th February- children return to school

Monday 20th February- Last day of swimming for Koala Class

Thursday 2nd March- Koala Class Assembly

Thursday 2nd March- World Book Day

Wednesday 8th March- Parent consultations

Monday 13th March- Friday 17th March- Science Week

Thursday 16th March- Parent consultations

Friday 24th March- Comic Relief

Friday 7th April- last day of term

Home Learning:

- Planners: Children have been given a planner, the expectation is that this is used to record their progress within reading and any parental messages to and from school. This is especially important as a number of our children have now been given permission to walk to and from school. The planners will be our main form of communication.
- Reading book: Your child's reading book will be changed as and when they complete it. They must record in their planners the pages that they have read. They are expected to read at least 4 times a week each for 15 minutes. Parents or carers must sign a minimum of once per week to acknowledge that this reading has taken place. Reading progress and signatures will be checked on Mondays and Tuesdays.
- Home learning books will be sent home weekly. These include a set of English or Mathematics task and a compulsory task each half term for Foundation subjects.

Useful Websites:

- www.topmarks.co.uk.
- www.mathletics.com
- <http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/english>
- <http://resources.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/>