

Year 5 Newsletter (Summer)



Our topics this term are: 'Invaders and Settlers' and 'How in the Kandinsky?'

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

In class we will be learning about:

English: Looking at writing recounts, diary entries, letter writing, narratives and stories, myths and legends, creating their own and literary heritage. 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 conjunctions, colon and semi-colons, statements, tenses, command or question, plurals and passive voice.

Mathematics: This term we will continue initially with fractions, decimals and percentages and their equivalence, as well as solving fraction calculations involving adding, subtracting and multiplying them. There will be continued practice using Number and place value, word problems involving addition, subtraction, multiplication and division, measures and conversions between units, data with graphical representation and time. The children will be encouraged to practice their skills using Mathletics both in school and at home.

Science: The life cycles of plants and animals moving onto space, phases of the moons and why we have seasons.

History: Looking at invaders and settlers with a focus on Anglo-Saxons and Vikings. Moving onto the history of Russia linking with geography.

Geography: The geography of Russia.

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

RE: Buddhism and looking at Enlightenment.

DT: Design and Technology will be continuing partway through the term and we will be looking at a DT Project linked to our Russian topic and we will also have the opportunity to start cooking with Mrs Hycia once the cookers are available for use, which is anticipated in May.

PSHCE: Lots of discussion about the citizenship topic, the UK Government system and law making. The children are being encouraged to develop skills in seeing different perspectives, then incorporating the understanding of finance and budgeting in the home as part of our financial education programme.

PE: Athletics and orienteering taught by our Sports Coach Mr Hewitt.

Computing: We will be studying Hypertext Markup Language (HTML) and animation.

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Dates for your diary:

Friday 5th May: Lemur Class Assembly

Friday 22nd May: Koala Class Assembly

Monday 15th May to Wednesday 17th May 2017: Year 5 Residential

Monday 22nd May 2017: Bikeability

Friday 26th May: Last day of the half-term

Monday 5th June: Children return to school

Friday 23rd June: Year 5 and Year 6 Sports Day

Tuesday 4th July- Wednesday 5th July: Transition days (children to their new classes)

Friday 14th July: School reports to be sent home

Friday 21st July: Last day of term

Tuesday 5th September: Children return to school

Please make sure that you check the Calendar section on our school website, as dates are subject to change and new dates are regularly added.

<http://beecroftacademy.co.uk/calendar/>

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/>