



St. Mary's C.E. School, Putney

Year 5 Half Termly Letter to Parents

Autumn 1, September 2017

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back! I hope you and your children have enjoyed a restful summer holiday and are ready to face the first term in Year 5. During this term, we will be establishing the rules and routines that will pave the way for a successful year. I have high expectations and children in Year 5 will be expected to show increased independence and maturity in the way they approach their learning. The following will explain routines in Year 5, and the topics we will be covering this half term.

Reading

Guided Reading - This will happen once a week and your child will be part of a reading group. The group will read and discuss a book and complete focused learning tasks based around the text.

Independent Reading - Throughout each day there are independent silent reading sessions where children will read a book of their choice. In Year 5 children are expected to make their own choices about the material they read based on interest and ability. Children are also expected to read at home every night for at least 15 minutes. It is their responsibility to return finished reading books to the appropriate place on the bookshelf and select another book.

Home Learning

(Maths and English homework should be done in Maths or English homework books, or on sheets and neatly stuck in where appropriate)
There may occasionally be an additional piece of topic-based work to reinforce the work done in class as appropriate.

Maths: Set on Wednesday to be handed in on Tuesdays.

English: Set on Wednesday to be handed in on Tuesdays.

Spellings: Word lists given at the start of the term. Tested on Friday

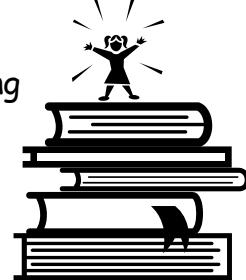
Reading: Daily for at least 15 minutes each evening.

Times Tables: Tested on Monday

Home learning will not be set during holidays.

Here is an outline of the topics we will be covering within each subject area:

English: In English we will be following the 'Power of Reading' scheme which uses a text-centered approach to teaching reading and writing. Our text, 'The Adventures of Odysseus' by Hugh Lupton and Daniel Morden, ties in well with our second IPC topic. We will be discussing Myths and Legends through a range of reading and writing activities. We use the Rising Stars Grammar Series alongside the Power of Reading to tackle some of the fundamentals and building blocks of sentence structure.



Maths: In Maths lessons we will be using the Abacus scheme of work covering a range of maths skills including - Number and place value, written addition and subtraction, mental addition and subtraction, decimals, percentages and their equivalence to fractions, measurement and mental multiplication and division.

French: Miss Cox will provide specialist French teaching. The children will be asked to show their knowledge of French vocabulary and revise the basics (i.e. greetings, numbers, colours, commands). They will then learn how to show likes and dislikes, learn dates and locations.

ICT: General skills, such as file management, touch typing and e-safety will be taught alongside our IPC topic. We will also introduce the children to coding with Python.

RE: This half term will explore Faith and its impact on our school, community and globally.

ART: We welcome Mrs Forsyth, who will provide specialist teaching of Art lessons. To coincide with the class topic of the Greeks we will be looking at the myths and legends told on the iconic red-figure and black-figure vases from the fifth century BCE, many of which are held in the permanent collection of the British Museum.

We will be creating our own drawings of the Greek myths using this distinctive style of drawing and its influence on later Roman art.

MUSIC: In Year 5 we will be working in groups to create a composition based on a Greek myth, to link in with their class topic on classical civilisations. We will learn about how music can convey different moods

and characterisations and in particular focus on what makes a good chorus, based on how the role of a chorus has evolved through Greek theatre. The resulting composition will tell the story using a sequence of scenes, which will be recorded so that we can listen back to it and evaluate our work.

PSHE: We will follow the Jigsaw scheme of work. Our first topic Being Me in My World, discusses British values and our rights and responsibilities as citizens. We will discuss how our choices and behaviour have an impact on others and our society.

PE: Year 5 will be participating in PE lessons on a Monday, with Mr Ellis and on a Thursday with Miss Rinaldi. This half term's activity will be basketball. Pupils will focus on dribbling to beat opponents and passing to maintain possession. In addition the class will practice passing to space, footwork and marking an opponent. Skills will be applied and knowledge of rules developed through competitive games.

Please ensure your children have a full PE kit, clearly labeled. We will endeavor to always go outside for lessons, children need to have the appropriate kit for the weather. Children should come to school wearing their uniform and will get changed into their P.E. kit for the lesson.

TOPIC:

We have two exciting topics planned for this half term.

Our first IPC unit, Brainwaves, explores how we learn. We will discover what knowledge, skills and understanding we need to develop learning. We hope that by understanding how our brain works we are training the children to be more effective learners and better advocates for what they need to be successful.

Our second IPC unit, The Great, The Bold and The Brave, is a history unit that builds on the children's previous learning about ancient civilisations. During this unit we take a closer look at Ancient Greece and Rome. We'll explore political systems from Greek city-states to the Roman impact on our society today.

Dates for your diary:

12 September 2017 - KS2 Holy Communion Service at school

13 September 2017 - Y5 Meet the Teacher Evening 6pm

15 September 2017 - Celebration and Good Work Assembly

29 September - Year 5 Cake Sale

6 October 2017 - Harvest Service at St. Mary's Church

10 October - Wandsworth Junior Citizens trip (late finish)

12 October - British Museum trip

12 October 2017 - FoSMS Quiz Night

20 October 2017 - Last day of Autumn Term 1

30 October 2017 - INSET DAY (school closed to pupils)

31 October 2017 - Start of Autumn Term 2

1 November - The Great, The Bold, The Brave Exit Point

We look forward to an exciting and busy year, working in an environment where the children can develop increased confidence and independence.

Do not hesitate to contact me through the PACT system or after school if you have any queries or concerns. If you prefer, you may also speak with Miss Khatib who will be working with me this year.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Courtney Rinaldi