

Monday 6th September 2021

Dear Year 5 parents/carers,

Year 5 Curriculum Letter - Autumn 1

Message from the teachers

Welcome to Year 5! There is so much to look forward to this year, like learning to play the drums, forest school and swimming lessons, not to mention some amazing school trips we are already planning. This letter will give you an idea of some of the lessons you can look forward to, and this is only the first half term!

Our Core Values

Happiness: we spread joy to those around us.

Compassion: we care and are kind to all.

Respect: we treat others as we like to be treated.

Teamwork: we work well with everyone.

Year 5 Staffing

Sycamore class teacher: Mrs George

Walnut class teacher: Mrs Lindsay

Beech class teacher: Miss Rudge

Year 5 learning support assistants: Mrs Bonner, Mrs Copley, Mrs Pinchen

Communication

You can email class teachers directly on the class email accounts and we will do our best to get back to you within two working days.

sycamoreclass@harefieldjunior.com

walnutclass@harefieldjunior.com

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Homework

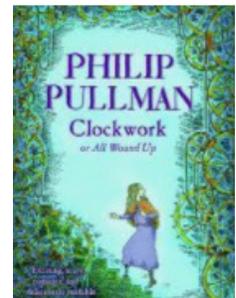
Homework, along with answers, is emailed to parents every Monday, starting next week, and expected to be returned to the teacher by Friday morning. (Spelling and times tables tests will be carried out on Friday mornings).

Autumn Term Learning

This half term we will be learning the following in each subject area.

English:

Year 5 will be using *Clockwork* by Phillip Pullman as a focus text this half term. We will create "suspense stories" based on Zelda Claw and the Rain Cat, where a main character goes through a range of emotions to create feelings of apprehension. Following this we will be writing a one-sided argument linked to wizards and witches. Where the children will create one-sided arguments supporting the myth or fact of their existence.



Mathematics:

In maths this half term, year 5 will be developing their knowledge of place value up to 1 million and including decimal places as far as thousandths. Then, we will be using the four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division) to solve calculations including long-multiplication and word problems.

Science:

The year 5 science unit this term is titled 'Earth and beyond'. The focus of this unit is on understanding the relationships between orbits and time. We will be completing a moon diary to study the phases of the moon.

History:

We will be looking at Anglo-Saxons and their daily lives, battles and beliefs. Exploring the treasures of Sutton Hoo and analysing evidence they have left behind.

Music, Art and Design:

In art this term, Year 5 will be exploring the art of architecture through interesting examples of famous and creative architects and architecture such as Hundertwasser design. This will lead to children designing and drawing the plans for their own dream home.



Hundertwasser house.

Examples of creative architecture

This term Sycamore class will be learning to play the drums alongside the Hillingdon Music Hub, who will be in on Monday afternoons to share their expertise. This term's music theme is music from Africa.

Physical Education:

The two P.E. units in year 5 this half term are 'Invaders' and 'Boot Camp'. Boot Camp is our fitness unit and the children will have fun following a sequence of exercises to promote healthy lifestyle living. Invaders teaches children about teamwork, awareness of space as well as developing their hand eye co-ordination and ball skills. Across the year we will be taking turns to go swimming and attending Forest School. Students in Sycamore will need to come to school wearing their P.E. kit on Fridays and Wednesdays. Students in Walnut will need swimming gear on Wednesdays and will need to come to school wearing their P.E. kit on Fridays. Students in Beech will need to come to school wearing their P.E. kit on Mondays and suitable clothes for Forest School on Wednesdays. Letters with details on swimming and Forest School have been sent out separately.

French:

The year 5 French unit this half term is 'Portraits'. The children will learn vocabulary to describe different aspects of their appearance, including the colour of their hair and eyes as well as words relating to their personality and characteristics.

Religious Education:

Year 5 will be learning ways in which people can show commitment within the Hindu faith. The unit encourages the children to question the importance of commitment and how affective celebrations and rituals are at demonstrating this commitment.

Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education:

'Being Me' is the first PSHE unit, where the children will look forward to the year ahead and make appropriate goals that they would like to achieve, and consider the obstacles that may concern them. They will then be introduced to the universal rights of the child and use these discussions to contribute to the creation of a whole class charter.

Please feel free to contact us via the class email accounts should you have any questions over the term ahead.

Yours faithfully

Mrs George, Mrs Lindsay and Miss Rudge.