

Monday 8th November 2021

Dear Year 5 parents/carers,

Year 5 Curriculum Letter - Autumn 2

Message from the teachers

Welcome back! We hope you have had an enjoyable half term. What a fantastic first half term we have had! We have enjoyed getting to know all of the children and now are looking forward to an exciting run up to Christmas.

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 a couple of working days.

sycamoreclass@harefieldjunior.com

walnutclass@harefieldjunior.com

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Homework

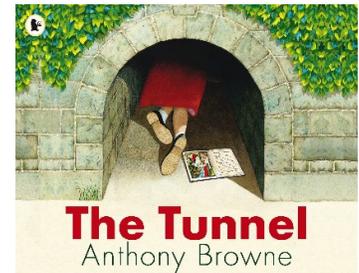
Homework, along with answers, is emailed to parents every Monday and expected to be returned to the teacher by Friday morning. Spelling and arithmetic tests will be carried out on Friday mornings.

Autumn Term Learning

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

English:

Year 5 will be using 'The Witches' by Roald Dahl as a focus text this half term. We will create "adventure portal stories" based on 'The Tunnel' by Anthony Browne, where a brother and sister go on an adventure through a portal. Following this, we will be writing a persuasive letter linked to the wonderful world of wizards.



Mathematics:

In maths this half term, year 5 will be developing their knowledge of statistics where we will be analysing data and plotting graphs. We will continue by using multiplication and division where we will be looking at factors and products, how to calculate squared and cubed numbers and looking at area and perimeter.

Science:

The year 5 science unit this term is titled 'Every day Materials'. We will be planning and carrying out experiments on a range of materials and assessing their suitability. In addition, we will be developing our understanding of fair testing.

Geography:

We will be looking at 'Changes in our Local Environment', and how major events such as World War 2, the Olympics and HS2 have affected the geographical features of our village and surrounding areas.

Design and Technology:

In DT this term, Year 5 will be exploring pop-up books. The children will learn how to use mechanisms to create effective pop-up box.

Music:

This term Sycamore class will continue 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 'Blues' and preparing for the Christmas concert.

Physical Education:

The two P.E. units in year 5 this half term are 'Dynamic Dance' and 'Mighty movers (Boxercise)'. Dynamic Dance will be focused on Classic Indian and Bollywood dance styles. Mighty movers the children will focus on learning and choreographing a dance sequence following boxing movements. On Wednesday afternoon this term, Walnut class will continue swimming and Beech class will be attending Forest School.



French:

The year 5 French unit this half term is 'clothes'. The children will learn vocabulary to describe different aspects of clothes, colours and fashion.

Religious Education:

Year 5 will be analysing the Christmas story and encouraging pupils to develop an opinion about various events within the story. In this unit we will be celebrating the festive period with cross curricular activities.

Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education:

'Celebrating differences' is the second PSHE unit, where the children will be looking at different cultures and exploring how important it is to treat everybody equally and with respect. We will also be developing our skills in teamwork, communication and organisation within a skill-building project.

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.