

Friday 21st October 2022

Dear Year 5 parents/carers,

Year 5 Curriculum Letter - Autumn (2nd half)

Message from the teachers

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 the second half of the autumn term and 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

Meranti class teacher: Miss Rudge

Elm class teacher: Mr Stoddard

Year 5 learning support assistants: Miss Copley, Miss Heffernan and Mrs Roberts

Communication

Please feel free to arrange a meeting should you wish to speak to one of the teachers in person. Alternatively, 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.

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elmclass@harefieldjunior.com

Homework

Each child will now receive a printed copy of the homework every Friday. Please return the homework to your class teacher the following Friday.

We have also subscribed to [Bug Club](#) online reading and [Mathletics](#) online maths activities.

Pupils require their own log ins for these websites. Please contact the school office if you need to be reminded what your child's log in details are.

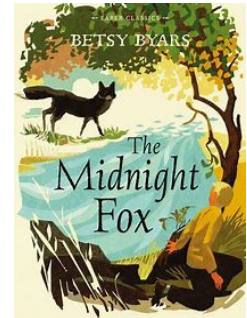
We will be sending new reading books home every Monday. Please remember to send these books back in to school each Monday. A new book will not be issued until the previous one has been returned.

Autumn Term Learning

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

English

We will be reading 'The Midnight Fox' by Betsy Byars in English this term. Tom, the main character finds a rare black fox with green eyes, while he is staying on his Aunt Millie's farm. We will create finding tale stories based on this, where a character finds an unusual/unique creature. Later this half term, we will use the same text to create a persuasive piece of writing linked to the core text.



Mathematics

In Maths this half term, Year 5 will be developing their knowledge of multiplication and division as well as furthering their knowledge of fractions. This will include looking at finding equivalent fractions, recognising equivalent fractions, converting mixed numbers to improper fractions and vice versa. They will also be comparing and ordering fractions that are less than one and those that are greater than one.

Science

The Year 5 Science unit this term is titled 'Everyday 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 exploring the topic 'Local Area' this half term, where children will look at local and regional environmental changes and how major events such as World War II, the Olympics and HS2 have impacted the geographical features of our village and surrounding areas.

Design and Technology

In Design and Technology this term, Year 5 will be exploring pop-up books. The children will learn how to use mechanisms to create effective pop-up boxes as well as links to festive activities.

Physical Education

The P.E. unit in Year 5 this half term is 'Mighty Movers'. During this unit, the children will focus on learning and choreographing a dance sequence using boxing movements. Both Year 5 classes will have their PE session on a Thursday. Please ensure children come into school wearing weather-appropriate clothing in line with the school uniform. On Friday afternoons this half term, Meranti class will be going swimming.

Forest School

Forest School will be taking place each Friday afternoon for Elm Class this half term. The children will be given opportunities to learn in nature, building a range of skills and making observations of the changing seasons.

French

The Year 5 French unit this half term is 'All About Ourselves'. The children will learn vocabulary linked to their bodies, appearance, fashion, and emotions, where they will explain how they are feeling.

Religious Education

Year 5 will be exploring the topic 'The True Meaning of Christmas' this half term. The children will explore what Christmas means to them and also to Christians, looking at the theme of love during this time of year and making comparisons between Christian and secular Christmas cards.

Music

Our specialist music teacher, Mr Lynch, will be in school every Tuesday to teach Year 5 music lessons, focusing on learning to play the clarinet.

Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education

'Celebrating Differences' is the second PSHE unit, where the children will be looking at different cultures while 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 skills building project.



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

Yours faithfully,

Miss Rudge and Mr Stoddard
Year 5 teachers