

Friday 10th February 2023

Dear Year 5 parents/carers,

Year 5 Curriculum Letter - Spring (2nd half)

Message from the teachers

We hope you have an enjoyable half-term break. What a fantastic first half term we have had. We have enjoyed our time together and now are looking forward to an exciting run up to Easter!

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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Homework

Homework, will be sent out every Friday. Please return the homework to your class teacher the following Friday.

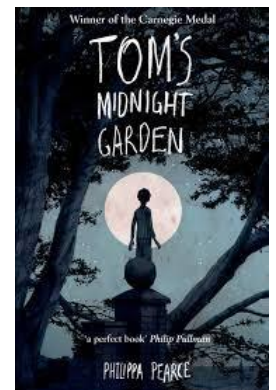
We will be sending new reading books home every Monday. Please remember to send these books back in to school each Monday. A new book will not be issued until the previous one has been returned.

Spring Term Learning

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

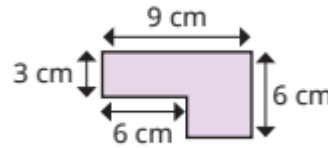
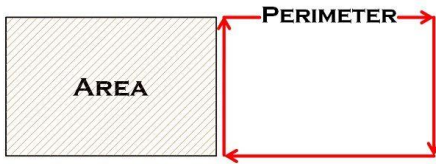
English

Year 5 will be using 'Tom's Midnight Garden' by Philippa Pearce as a focus shared reading text next half term. We will create "A warning story" based on this story. In addition to this, we will be writing an explanation text about a magical setting e.g. a magical garden.



Mathematics

In Maths next half term, Year 5 will be deepening their knowledge of decimals, fractions, and percentages as well as perimeter, area and statistics.



What is the perimeter of this shape?

What is the area of this shape?

Science

The year 5 science unit next term is titled 'Feel the force'. We will be planning and carrying out experiments to test the effects of forces and gaining a greater understanding of how physics is used in the real world. In addition, we will continue to develop our understanding of fair testing.

Geography



We will be exploring the Alps and developing our knowledge of the physical and human geography of the area. We will look at how they were made, the natural and man-made features and the tourism in the area.



Design and Technology

In design and technology next half term, Year 5 will be designing and making their own teddies. They will make decisions about the materials to use for their teddy and how to decorate it. They will learn how to sew a blanket stitch.

Physical Education

The two P.E. units in year 5 next half term are 'Gymnastics: shape and balance' and 'Net and wall'. In gymnastics the children will learn how to use gymnastics shapes and balances to communicate their learning about space. In 'net and wall' children will develop their tennis skills. Please ensure children come into school wearing weather-appropriate clothing in line with the school uniform. On Friday afternoons next half term, Meranti class will be going swimming.

Forest School

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



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French

The Year 5 French unit this half term is 'Family and Friends'. The children will learn vocabulary linked to their homes and gardens and who they have in their family and friend circles.

Religious Education

In RE, children will be exploring what is meant by forgiveness and the role forgiveness plays in world religions. Children will learn about Jewish beliefs about forgiveness, finding out more about Yom Kippur with a focus on the objects used and what Jewish people do at Yom Kippur. Children will also develop an understanding of Buddhist beliefs about forgiveness, reflecting on how the Eightfold Path influences Buddhists in their approach to forgiveness.

Music

We are very fortunate to continue to have a specialist music teacher in school every Tuesday to teach Year how to play the clarineo.



Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education

'Healthy me' is next half term's PSHE unit, where the children will be looking at health risks and how to make sensible decisions about potential hazards. We will be looking at the effects of smoking, drinking and drugs on the body.

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