

Year 5 Newsletter

Summer 2



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Welcome back Year 5!

We hope you are excited for the last half term of year 5! We cannot believe how fast the year has gone! Time flies when you're having fun!

In this newsletter, you will find out about some of the learning we have coming up this half term! Information will be out in the following weeks regarding sports day dates!

PE day: Tuesday

Please ensure your child has a separate top, bottoms and shoes as part of their kit.

Thank you parents for all your support this year! As always, if you need to get in contact with any of us, you can call the school, email us or pop up to your child's classroom at the end of the day.

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Diary Dates

Monday 5th June—Inset Day

Tuesday 11th July—Year 5
Portsmouth Book awards
(King's theatre)

Exciting news!

Every day from 3-3:30pm, our school library will be open for children to visit with parents! Our librarian, Miss Griffin will be available at this time to help!

Reading for enjoyment!

Miss Dewing is currently reading *Flesh and Blood* by Chris Priestley.

Miss Dennis is currently reading *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets* by J. K. Rowling.

Both fantastic books!

In PSHE this half term, we will be learning all about how we will change, particularly over the next few years. We will look at the physical changes both boys and girls will go through when they hit puberty as well as learning about how a baby is conceived. If you have any questions about this learning, please speak to your child's class teacher.

PSHE challenge: If you are feeling a bit overwhelmed about the changes you are going through, can you think of 2 people you could talk to about your worries?

Spellings

Each week, your child will come home with a set of spellings. It is important that the children practise their spellings at home. We will have a spelling test every week to see the progress they have made!

Tick this box if you have practised your spellings at home!



English

In English this half term we will be looking at two really exciting books. The first is a book called "Floodland" which follows a young girl called Zoe while she navigates her way through life during a natural disaster.

We will finish the half term, looking at a picture book called "Varmints", which follows the journey of a creature whose environment was destroyed by a group of 'other' creatures. Challenge: Can you tell a grown up at home the plot of this story as well as answering our key question:

Is this a hopeful story?

Science

As scientists we will be learning about habitats and life cycles. We will focus on the life cycles of animals and plants and look at how different living things can be classified.

Challenge: Ask an adult at home to pick an animal or plant. Can you research and draw the life cycle of that living thing?

DT

In DT this half term we will practise our sewing skills! We will learn a range of different stitches before planning and designing our own cushion! Can you demonstrate a stitch to someone at home?

RE

In RE we will be learning about how Christians show their commitment to God.

Challenge: Can you explain this to an adult at home?

Maths

In Maths, we will continue our learning on multiplication and division! We will use known number facts to help us scale up and down as well as looking at the formal written methods for multiplying and dividing.

We will go back over our fractions, decimals and percentages. We will look at how we can find equivalences, compare and order fractions before moving on to converting fractions to decimals. We will recap place value of decimals and then practise rounding them to the nearest whole number and tenth.

The rest of the half term will be spent looking at word problems, involving the four operations, angles, measure and shape!

Challenge: Can you create your own maths board game involving decimals?

Geography

We have some super exciting learning this half term in Geography—we will be learning about Rivers and the water cycle!

We will compare a local river with a larger River and think about the physical and human features surrounding rivers.

Challenge: Can you draw a diagram to explain the water cycle?

Home Learning

As well as practising your spellings, it is really important that you remember to read at home too! You could read to an adult, a younger brother or sister, or you could just read to yourself! You will have the opportunity to change your library book every week!

Tick this box if you regularly read at home!