

Year 5 Termly Newsletter - Spring Term 2024

2024 is here already! We want to begin by wishing you all a happy and healthy new year. The children worked incredibly hard in the autumn term and produced some excellent work. We have lots of fantastic topics to cover in the run up to Easter, which will include our Easter performance!



Year 5 Spring Term Curriculum		How you can support learning at home
Reading	The 1000-Year-Old Boy by Ross Welford	Encourage your child to complete as many reading challenges as possible. These can be found in the back of their reading journals. The children earn certificates and prizes for completing reading challenges!
Writing	Poetry Explanation – How mountains are formed Brochure – Visitors to the Alpine Region Narrative – The 1000-Year-Old Boy Recount – King Alfred's Struggle	Encourage your child to use Spelling Shed regularly to ensure their spellings are increasingly accurate.
Maths	Fractions, decimals, and percentages and area and perimeter	Encourage children to practise their times tables by using Times Table Rock Stars on a weekly basis.
History	The Vikings – Would the Vikings do anything for money?	Visit your local library to research any areas of the Viking period that your child is particularly interested in. Visit: https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/ztyr9j6 This link contains a number of videos to offer an overview of the Vikings.
Geography	Europe – A Study of the Alpine Region <i>'Where should we go on holiday?'</i>	Can your child use an atlas to locate the different continents? Research what the Alpine region is.
Science	Space	Find out about the solar system and learn the order of the planets Visit: https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zjmqkmn/articles/ztsqj6f
Art	Drawing: Trench art Artist Focus: The Nash Brothers	Research and explore the work of artists, Paul and John Nash.
DT	Construction: Rockets	Try making your own rocket. Follow the link below and download the PDF file at the bottom of the page: https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/primary-resource/make-rocket-primary-resource/
R.E	What can we learn from religion about temptation? (Christians and Muslims)	Research and discuss the Easter story in preparation for our Spring performance!



	What do Christians believe Jesus did to save people?	
P.E	icreate (iMoves) - Coordination, manipulation, strength and balance.	Practise throwing and catching skills. Develop flexibility and balance.
French	Presenting Myself My Family	Watch this video to recap some basic conversational words and phrases: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PzXWJvu9enI&ab_channel=LearnFrenchWithAlexa
PSHEE	Belonging to a Community Media Literacy and Digital Resilience Money and Work	Talk to your child about how they feel they belong to a community and whether they belong to multiple communities. Discuss the importance of managing money.
Computing	Video Production (iMovie – iPads)	Does your child know any camera angles? Can they practise taking photographs from different angles?
Music	Children compose a class piece of music in a style of their choice e.g. Rock, Pop, Ballad, etc.	What is your child's favourite genre of music? Why do they like this style of music?

Here are some of the apps / educational sites that we use in school and that your children are familiar with.



ClassDojo



Important Dates for your Diary:



Monday 8th January 2024

Children return to school – no teacher training day

Friday 9th February 2024

Head Teacher's Special Assembly (2:30pm – invite only)

Children break up for February half term

WB: 12th February – 17th February 2024

Half term break

Monday 19th February 2024

Teacher Training Day

Tuesday 20th February 2024

Children return to school

Thursday 7th March 2024

World Book Day

Monday 11th March 2024

Y5 Trip – Details to follow

Tuesday 19th March 2024

Y5 Parents' Evening

Thursday 21st March 2024

Y5 Easter Performance

Friday 22nd March 2024

Head Teacher's Special Assembly (2:30pm – invite only)

Children break up for Easter

Reminders:

- Year 5 P.E days will remain as **Tuesday** and **Friday**. Please make sure pupils are wearing the correct P.E uniform with no logos on these days. This is part of the school's uniform policy.
- Swimming will commence for 5J this half term, running until Tuesday 6th February 2024. 5K will commence their swimming lessons in Spring Term 2, following the February half term – dates will be posted on Class Dojo closer to the time.
- It is an expectation that all children participate in weekly practice of times tables on Times Tables Rockstars and their weekly spellings on Spelling Shed. We have iPads available for children to access these websites in school if needed. Please speak to your child's class teacher if this is something they require.