

Information for Parents / Carers of Year 5

Spring Term 2018 Class Teacher(s) Mrs Alcock/Mrs Ryan/Miss Lanagan Class: 5AR/5L

The information below is designed to help you and your child get the most out of this Spring Term.

This Term's Information

Area	Information
<p>Cross-Curricular Topics: Spring 1st Half: Ancient Egyptians</p> <p>Spring 2nd Half:</p>	<p>Our topics this term are The Ancient Egyptians followed by The Earth in Space. This will encompass work in various subjects including English, Geography, History, Science and Art. Our residential trip to Ilam will allow us to carry out some geography based work about the features of our planet.</p>
English	<p>The children will be working on improving their writing in all areas by looking at grammar, punctuation and composition. Our two main blocks of writing will be linked to persuasion and extended story writing. They will study a range of texts which will form the basis for their own writing. Spelling will continue to be taught in short sessions. Each week a list of words to be learnt will be given out. Children will continue to practise their handwriting skills.</p>
Reading	<p>The children will work on their reading in various ways. We will continue to teach reading skills as a whole class. These may link to a class story, poetry and non-fiction texts. In Year 5 it is important that children continue to read at home on a regular basis in order to develop reading stamina and to have experience of as many different genres and authors as possible. As well as reading to an adult it is important that they discuss the text to ensure understanding.</p>
Maths	<p>As we move into this second term of Year 5 knowledge of times tables is key to success in many areas of maths. The children are expected to be fluent in all times tables up to 12x12, including the related division facts. They do need to practise at home so please support them in this. Times Tables Rock Stars is a great way to make quick progress and a little every day soon makes a considerable difference. We wonder how many Rock Heroes we can get by the end of the year!</p> <p>This term, we will focus on multiples, factors, prime numbers, square and cube numbers. We will also work on formal methods for multiplication with a particular focus on the introduction of long multiplication.</p>
Science	<p>Over the first half term, we will complete our work on properties of materials and changes materials. After that, we will study forces which include looking at air resistance,</p>

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ICT	This term we will concentrate on using the internet for research purposes to support our topic areas. We will also look at
P.E.	<p>PE will take place on Tuesdays for 5L and Friday for 5AM with Mr Maylard-Mason. Swimming will start after half term on every Thursday. Please make sure your child has their swimming kit in school on these days. Girls should be in a one piece swimsuit and boys should be in trunks that are not baggy and do not have pockets. Earrings must be removed for swimming lessons and long hair tied back. If you wish your child to wear goggles for swimming then please send a letter in giving permission.</p> <p>Swimming lessons cannot take place without volunteers to walk up with us and observe for safety. Please let us know if you are available to help with this on Thursday afternoons after half term.</p>
Music	Mr Parnell will teach music for 30 minutes every Friday morning.
PSHE/RE	In PSHE this term we will be looking to build independence, team working and collaboration skills, largely through our trip to Ilam. We appreciate your support with this in helping your child take more responsibility for their belongings, letters, messages etc... In RE we will be looking at creation stories from different religions about our planet.
Homework	<p>In addition to reading, the children will be set homework most weeks. This may be topic related, science based or a piece of maths work which follows on from work in class. Some of the maths work will be accessed via MyMaths website.</p> <p>Your child will bring a spelling list home to learn for the weekly test each Friday. Your child will also need to practice times tables for the weekly test each Friday.</p>
Trips and special days	The Year 5 residential to Ilam, Derbyshire, is on the 27 th to 29 th March. We are hoping that every child in the year group will join us for this exciting adventure.