

Year 5 Summer Term Learning



English:

Our novel in the Summer term will be *The Pearl* by John Steinbeck. We will be following the dramatic story of Kino the pearl fisherman, writing descriptions, diary entries, letters and more. Children will build on their understanding of the genres we have covered this year, looking in more depth at how to change their tone and formality to fit a variety of writing styles. Children will also be developing their understanding of grammar in context, using their knowledge of sentence structure and language choice to shape narratives and influence their reader.

Maths:

Our work in maths in the Summer term will initially focus on developing children's understanding of word problems and reasoning in relation to the formal written methods for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We will continue to learn more about fractions, decimals and percentages, and how the three areas are linked, as well as moving on to look at how to find percentages of amounts. In our shape, space and measure topic, we are going to be exploring composite rectilinear shapes, using our understanding of perimeter, area and angles to find missing lengths and angles.

Topic:

In history this term, we will be delving into the history of Crime and Punishment. Children will have a chance to explore how our criminal justice system evolved from the Medieval period to the present day. We will also be finding out about forces and magnets in our science topic, exploring and experimenting to learn more about how forces effect the movement of objects around us. In Art and Design Technology this term, there will be plenty of opportunities for children to get creative as we learn about Embroidery and take part in the National Galleries Take One Picture project.

Other information:

PE will take place on Thursday afternoons. Children will need to have the correct sports kit in school every week for this session, as PE is a crucial part of the national curriculum. As the weather becomes warmer, bringing hats and sun cream would be advisable as PE will usually take place outside.

Children need to bring in their own water bottle from home.

Please label all aspects of your child's uniform with their name, including their PE kit, as this makes it much easier to reunite their belongings with them!

How can I help:

Reading with your child is still very important in Year 5. Even a few minutes of reading is beneficial, with reading skills being so important across the curriculum.

Please encourage your child to complete any homework that they receive.

Useful websites:

<https://uk.ixl.com/>

<http://nrich.maths.org/frontpage>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/topics/zsgkwmn/resources/1>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/topics/zryycdm>