

Curriculum Newsletter

Spring Term ~ Year 5&6

Hello! Happy New Year! Please utilize this newsletter to question your children on what they have been learning. Please keep an eye on Class Dojo too, so you can see what we are up to throughout the week.

For the first part of the term, we will be exploring deserts and whether they are suitable to live in, in our geography learning. They will be able to describe and locate hot desert biomes, identify how humans use deserts, describe threats to deserts and compare land use between contrasting biomes. In the second part of the term, we will shift to history and explore the Tudors. They will extract information about Henry VIII and use sources to make deductions about his wives. They'll explore information about marriage, power and punishment. They will also create a realistic inventory about the Tudors and explain their importance.

In our English learning, we will be writing narratives, explanation texts, newspaper reports, information texts and discussion texts. We'll be using texts such as *Orion Lost* by Alastair Chisholm, the works of Shakespeare to complete our writing. We'll also use short films to help us achieve our writing goals.

In mathematics, we will be focusing on fractions, decimals and percentages. Children will multiply and divide fractions, find fractions of amounts and percentages of amounts. They will also build on learning about perimeter, area and volume. Knowledge of multiplication facts is crucial for children to be able to progress well in later units, so please encourage your child to access TT Rockstars and Prodigy regularly to maintain their skills.

In science, we will explore Earth and space. They will describe geocentric and heliocentric models, describe the orbits of celestial bodies in the solar system, describe the orbit of the Moon around the Earth and its phases and explain how the seasons occur.

In PSHE, our jigsaw pieces this term are Dreams & Goals and Healthy Me. The children will explore setting personal goals, how to achieve them and how to make a difference. They will also learn about taking responsibility for their health and well-being, emotional and mental health and how to manage pressure and stress.

In PE, Premier Education will be leading sessions gymnastics, and I will be leading sessions in invasion games. In design and technology, we will be getting technical and developing our skills to create a pop-up book for younger children. Our art sessions will involve looking at portraits through mixed media.

In music, the children will explore musical theatre and how singing, dancing and acting come together to an overall performance. In computing, children will explore and learn how to use spreadsheets using Microsoft Excel.

In RE, the children will learn about salvation and what the resurrection means to Christians.

Kind regards, Mr. J Anderson & Mr. A Hartnell

Reminder:

- Please continue to engage with Class Dojo to keep up to date on what is happening in school and in class.
- Please ensure that your children are reading regularly at home and encourage them to challenge themselves with different texts. Read Theory is also encouraged during 'device time'
- Reading records will be reviewed every Tuesday, but please ensure your child brings it with them every day.
- Please encourage children to interact with TT Rockstars and prodigy to maintain fluency in mathematics.

Messages:

P.E will take place on Wednesday & Friday; children are to attend school in their P.E kit, which will be worn all day. Please **do not** bring P.E kits in as you would have done previously. Children will carry out P.E in all weather, so please take this into consideration when considering P.E kit.