



Class 5 Newsletter Spring Term 1 2024

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! We hope you've all had a lovely Christmas and are looking forward to the exciting term ahead.

General information:

A reminder regarding clothing - jumpers, cardigans and coats should be clearly named and brought into school daily please. Could we also remind you about sending in healthy nut-free snacks for break times. Please don't send chocolate, sweets or snacks containing nuts.

PE sessions:

- **WEDNESDAYS - Swimming:** - children should wear their PE kit to school this day. Please remove earrings for swimming as there have been pairs lost recently. It is advisable that children wear a fleece or coat as they feel the cold more with damp hair.
- **THURSDAY - PE in school:** This will continue to be delivered by our specialised PE coaches. Please could children with long hair bring bobbles, or preferably, have their hair tied back on these days. Earrings must be removed for PE lessons however, if the children cannot remove them for themselves, we kindly ask them not wear them on PE days. If this is not possible, please could you send in tape/plasters for the children to wear over the earrings for the session. Children will need to come to school in their PE kits please.

Our Curriculum

English: We will be focusing our writing and comprehension work around one key text this half term: Hidden Figures - The True Story of Four Black Women and the Space Race by Margot Lee Shetterly. We will be using this text as a focus for various reading and writing opportunities. Children will have the chance to write for a range of purposes and in a variety of styles such as to persuade and inform. We will also have discreet grammar and punctuation lessons linked to the genres for writing.

Maths: Key mathematical concepts covered this term include multiplication and division and fractions.

Children will also be given plenty of opportunities to develop their mathematical reasoning skills.

Please use TT Rockstars to support your child in learning their times tables and division facts. We cannot stress the importance of rapid recall of multiplication facts particularly in regard to the upcoming maths learning.

Geography:

Children will complete the unit from Autumn 2, learning how to read maps and learn the skills to be able to follow routes effectively.



RE: This term Class 5's RE unit is 'Beliefs and Questions' and will be centred around answering the question 'How do people's beliefs about God, the world and others have impact on their lives?' A key part of RE will be giving children the chance to reflect, pose and answer interesting and thoughtful questions.

Science: In Science this half term, we will be learning all about the Earth and Space.

ART: The children will learn about sculpture and study the work of Swiss artist and sculpture Alberto Giacometti.

PSHE: This half term, the class will learn about Health and Wellbeing with Mrs Gough on Monday afternoons.

Computing: We will be focusing on online safety this term.

Music: This term we will discover Blues music, its history, key features, mood, and importance. They will learn 12-bar Blues, the Blues scale and create improvised pieces.

French: We are using a new scheme called 'Little Angels' and in order to ensure progression across the year groups, pupils will start by being introduced to the set of phonics sounds from the Early Language Teaching Type. They will also revise basic greetings and will learn how to ask and answer the question 'How are you?' & 'What is your name?' before moving onto other skills.

Please remember we are always here for you and are happy to discuss any concerns and happy news either over Viva Engage or in person. We hope Class 5 have a wonderfully happy half-term full of enjoyment and inspirational learning.

Kind regards,
Mrs Rankin and Mrs Chadbourne