

Year 5 Newsletter – Spring 1

Welcome

Welcome back, we hope you have had a lovely Christmas break. This term we have lots of exciting learning to complete. Our main topic for the term is Monarchy, Government and Power. As with last term, our homework will be handed out on a Thursday to be handed in the following Tuesday. As a reminder, children can change their reading book on any day. Reading records will be collected in each Friday and Dojo points will be given out for the number of times children have read to an adult.

Spelling and Reading

This term we will continue to test spelling on a Tuesday and new spellings will be sent home on this day. In reading we are continuing to work on our inference and explanation skills as well as retrieval. As a reminder, children are expected to log on to Spelling Shed to practise their weekly spellings and books, which match children's reading levels, are on Ebooks. Dojo points are given for children using both these platforms weekly.



Writing

In English we are going to be writing persuasive leaflets trying to persuade a lord to buy a castle. We will be writing a recount on a trip to Rockingham Castle.

We will be continuing to develop our vocabulary as well as adding parenthesis to our writing. We will also be working on including more complex sentence types in our writing, including relative clauses.



Maths

In maths this term we are going to be working on fractions, multiplication, and division. It is important that children are secure in their times tables. Children are expected to practice weekly on Timestable Rockstar to help with this.



Science

Our topic this term is sorting materials. In this topic we will be learning to compare materials, investigating if solids are always hard and conducting experiments to test which materials are best for different uses.



Computing

In computing we will be learning how to create 3D models. We will then design and create a 3D model to fit a design brief.



Design Technology

In D.T. this term we will be creating pop-up story books for younger children based on a nursery rhyme.



History

Our history this term is monarchy, government, and power. In this unit we will learn about different influential monarchs of England and how the United Kingdom was formed.



Music

In music we will be learning about pop ballads. We will learn to perform, 'You Make Me Feel My Love' by Adele



PE

Outdoor PE: Monday – Basketball

Indoor PE: Tuesday - Multiskills

**PSHE**

Our topic for this term is dreams and goals.

**RE**

In RE this term we will be learning about Sikhism.

**Homework Project**

To create a project about monarchs, the houses or parliament or castles.
Please see the separate homework information sheet sent home.

**Skills Builder**

The Skills Builder Universal Framework provides a common language for building essential skills with children and young people.

Research shows that building essential skills supports social and emotional wellbeing, learning and academic outcomes and careers and opportunities

**Times Tables Rockstars****Spelling Shed**

Rewards

The children will receive 'Dojo Points' as reward for good behaviour, work and attitude. Points can be 'spent' on prizes periodically.



Class information

Class Teacher: Mrs Morgan

Teaching Assistants: Mrs Bradley

Please remember to name your child's school jumper or cardigan.

We request that all children bring a named water bottle to school every day.

Please remember if you are making your child a packed lunch, we ask you not to put anything in that contains nuts.



Dates for the diary!

Tuesday 3rd January – Teacher Training Day

Wednesday 4th January – School opens for term 3

Tuesday 17th January – Class trip to Rockingham Castle

Wednesday 1st February – Active Playground Day

Friday 10th February – End of term 3