

Year 5 Autumn Term Curriculum Newsletter

We're excited to welcome the children back for the new school year. Mr Milne, Mr Trotter and Mrs Williams have been preparing lots of exciting learning for our History topic this term: **Off with Her Head!** – This will see the children investigate life in Tudor Britain.



MATHS

We will be maintaining our fluency skills and quick recall of key maths facts during fluency sessions.

We will roll our numbers at the beginning of lessons to make sure we keep these very important facts fresh in our minds.

The topics we will cover this term are:

- Place value and number facts.
- We will work on formal written methods for addition and subtraction of numbers up to 1 000 000.
- We will round to the nearest multiples of 10, 100, 1000 and 10 000 and 100 000.
- We will begin to work on multiplication and division by looking at factors and prime numbers as well as square and cube numbers.

Off with Her Head!

In History we will investigate the sort of man who would order the beheading of his wife. We will travel back in time to the 1500s and meet the terrifying Tudors. A domineering dynasty that changed our history. We will discover an opulent court where dancing and singing went hand-in-hand with swift falls from favour and even swifter falling of heads!



READING

We will be developing our fluency and inference skills while reading 'A Diver's Daughter' by Patrice Lawrence. Alongside this book, we will look at a variety of texts and media to improve our ability to justify our ideas using evidence.

WRITING

As writers, we will be learning how to write effectively across a number of genres. These will include: character descriptions of creepy creatures; persuasive letters to convince Mrs Kelly of our own wacky ideas for the school; story openers and biographies of significant people during the Tudor era.

Grammar – We will be revisiting key grammatical terms and focusing on our knowledge of clauses and how to punctuate them accurately.

Spelling- We will be focussing on the Year 5 spelling rules and revisiting the rules from Year 4 (this will include any areas that we didn't have the opportunity to learn).



PE

Our topics for the autumn term will be Health & Fitness which includes our Cross Country running, Hockey and Indoor Athletics. We will learn a variety of different skills within these topics and also the skills required for working individually and as a team. We will also be virtually entering lots of Milton Keynes Sports Festivals and all children will participate and represent the school in these events.

Our PE days are: 5ST Wednesday and Thursday, 5SM Wednesday and Friday.

ART & DESIGN TECHNOLOGY

As artists, we will begin with a collaborative mark-making project before moving on to Tudor portraits focussing on fine detail using a range of mediums and techniques.

As Design Technicians, we will be learning about how structures work and applying our knowledge to designing and building bridges.

MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES

¡Vamos a aprender Español! This term in Spanish, we will be learning to count and use numbers to 20. We will also learn how to greet our friends and family, telling them how we feel.

COMPUTING

As Computer Technicians, we will be learning about being responsible digital citizens and how to stay safe online.

HOME LEARNING

Reading – We have the expectation that the children will read for at least 10 minutes each day and read aloud to an adult at least once each week - from this we will be looking to see that the adult has signed the reading log.

Spellings – The children will complete their spelling home learning on Spelling Shed. This is a fun new resource that will see the children learn through interactive games and activities.

Maths – The expectation is that the children practise their fluency skills on TT Rockstars and Numbots. They should aim to do this for 10-15 minutes daily.

Aspire, Believe, Achieve... Together

RE & PSHE

As citizens of the future, we will learn about how Christians view new life and the sacrament of baptism. We will also explore the relationships we have with different family members. We will learn about the dynamics of friendships and how we can best manage these to ensure we maintain a positive level of wellbeing.

SCIENCE

As scientists, we will be learning about the properties of materials. We will be working scientifically, using our fair testing skills, to investigate how materials differ. We will explore what materials make the best conductors and insulators as well as considering electrical conductors.

MUSIC

As musicians, we will be exploring different genres and characteristics of music from around the world, working collaboratively to imitate and compose.