



Year 5 Curriculum Newsletter

Spring 2023

Pine Class: Miss Sheehan

Birch Class: Mr Hydes

Key Information

Arriving at school: Children in Year 5 should arrive at 8:40am to begin their day.

Reading: Please ensure your child reads for at least 20 minute every day. The Reading Record must be signed once a week by an adult.

P.E. Year 5 have P.E. on Monday and Tuesday afternoons. We are also allowed to go on the field on a Thursday lunch time, so don't forget appropriate footwear.

Homework: All children have their new homework menus.

Spellings: We practice Clued Spelling every morning in English. Please practice these at home.

Key Dates

Spring 1: Wednesday 4th January - Friday 10th February 2023.

Half term: Monday 13th February - Friday 17th February 2023.

Spring 2: Monday 20th February - Friday 31st March 2023.

Library Visits:

Pine Visit - Wed 1st March

Birch Visit - Wed 8th March

We are in the process of organising our half termly school trip; relevant communication will follow.

Welcome back Year 5! It's so lovely to see you all after the Christmas break and we are all so impressed with how positive and hardworking you are all being. This term, we will be starting some new topics and reading some interesting new books.

English

We have started the term studying *Wonder* by R. J. Palacio. This fictional story beautifully describes life for a boy with Treacher Collins Syndrome. It follows August through his first year at school, navigating the ups and downs of friendships and new school experiences. It discusses the importance of being kind and showing compassion to others.

After half-term we will be reading Shakespeare's *Midsummer Night's Dream*; a story of order and disorder, reality and illusion, and love and magic set in a forest full of the fairy folk.

Mathematics

This half term, we have started working on column multiplication and long division. Following on from this we will be transferring our new knowledge and applying it to multiplying fractions and calculating areas.

As all of this is based on the children's times table knowledge. It would really help if they are practicing their times tables at home. All children have their logins for Times Table Rockstars and can access this on any internet device.

Science

In science we have started learning about materials. We have discussed the properties and materials which make up different objects. We are learning lots of new vocabulary, what makes something a good conductor or a good insulator. Over the term, we will have the opportunity to participate in some exciting experiments too!

Wider Curriculum

In our other topics we have lots to cover. We will be looking into Chinese New Year as it fast approaches and then continuing with our previous RE topics of Sikhism and Christianity. In computing we will be using Scratch to create our own adventure games and investigating how technology can help us create and crack secret codes. In history, we will be studying the Anglo-Saxons and we are also excited to jump into our new Spanish topic of the weather.

