

Year 5 – Summer Newsletter



Friday 27th April 2018

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

The final term of Year 5 is upon us already! As always, it's promised to be a jam-packed one. I hope that this newsletter will answer any questions that you have about the upcoming term. If you have any unanswered questions or would like to speak to me about anything (however small), feel free to grab me at the end of the day or alternatively, please make an appointment through the office.

Summer Term Curriculum

The table below outlines our curriculum coverage for this term. However, please do note that as with all good plans, this is subject to change.

	Summer 1	Summer 2
Literacy	Alice in Wonderland by Lewis Carroll: classic fiction Story writing, newspaper reports, play scripts.	
Numeracy	Fractions and percentages, angles and shapes, shape reflections and translations, converting between metric units of measure, metric and imperial equivalences, time.	Problem solving and revision/recap of Year 5 work ensuring readiness for Year 6
RE	Easter, Islam, Pentecost, the work of the Apostles, marriage and holy orders	
Science	Living things and their habitats	Animals (including humans)
History	Ancient Greeks (continued)	
Geography	Mountain Ranges	
PE	Tuesdays: cricket Wednesdays: tag rugby (with Engage coaches)	TBC

Year 5 Expectations

Homework

Times table challenges and spellings will continue to be set on a Friday. The times tables challenge is due in on the following Wednesday and the spelling test will be on the Friday. On those weeks where I do not set specific spellings, your child is expected to spend the time practising the words from the statutory spelling list (of which they have all received a new copy of this week with the words that they spelt correctly in the Easter test highlighted). Please make sure your child knows how to pronounce each word and understands the meaning; there is little point being able to spell words if we can't use them in our writing! Children who fail to complete their homework will be asked to attend homework club on Wednesday lunchtime.

Reading

In addition to their weekly homework, your child should also be reading at home on a (almost) daily basis. The expectation for Year 5 is that they read for a minimum of 15 minutes 5 times a week (and at least one of these times should be with an adult). Their reading record should be completed daily, detailing what they are reading and with whom. I ask for your support in encouraging and monitoring your child's reading as this is crucial to their development in Literacy. Please ensure that this reading record is signed and brought into school each Monday so that it can be checked by a member of staff.

Miscellaneous Messages

- For our Design and Technology topic, we need materials to build shelters and bridges. Please save any cardboard boxes, cereal boxes, newspaper, kitchen roll tubes, yoghurt pots etc. and send them into school to help us with this.
- Thank you to those who have donated to our book corner recently: it is looking extremely healthy! The children always appreciate the new additions so if your child has any books that they have read and no longer want, please do send them in so they can be added to the library for others to enjoy. Thank you in advance.
- The upstairs classrooms can become extremely warm during the summer months. Please can you ensure that your child has a bottle of water with them for these warm days so we can stay hydrated!
- The Year 5 and 6 end of year play this year is 'Rock Bottom': a prehistorical, hysterical, Stone Age rock musical! Each child plays a crucial part in the play and is expected to partake in both evening performances at Bablake (see dates below).

Dates for the Diary

Sunday 29 th April	Year 6 Confirmation (11:15am)
Thursday 10 th May	Ascension Holy Day of Obligation Mass (9.15am)
Friday 11 th May	Provisional trip to Herbert Art Gallery – details to follow
Thursday 24 th May	Last day of school for children - break up for half term
Saturday 9 th and Sunday 10 th June	Year 3 First Holy Communion
Monday 9 th July	Y5 and 6 at Bablake all day for play rehearsals
Tuesday 10 th and Wednesday 11 th July (evenings)	End of year play performances ('Rock Bottom')
Tuesday 24 th July	Last day of school for children – break up for summer holidays!

**Please stay up to date with dates for your diary and any changes that may occur by regularly checking our school webpage and the Y5 blog.*

The year is flying by and I cannot believe that we are already in the summer term! Miss McGinn and I know how lucky we are to have such a fantastic class of children who are bursting with so much energy and are so eager to learn (most of the time!) We are keen to make this term as fun and as enjoyable as ever whilst we work hard in order to ensure that the children are prepared for their final year at primary school next year.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind Regards,

L. Frearson