

Curriculum Newsletter

Year 5 Term 2 2020/21

Welcome to Term 2 of Year 5! We hope you all had a restful break and are ready to go for Term 2. There is lots going on this term so keep an eye on the date. I will post reminders on ClassDojo to help all of us.

Important Dates for Term 2

10.11.21 – Year 5 Class Assembly

12.11.21 – Individual Photos

15.11.21 – Odd Socks Day

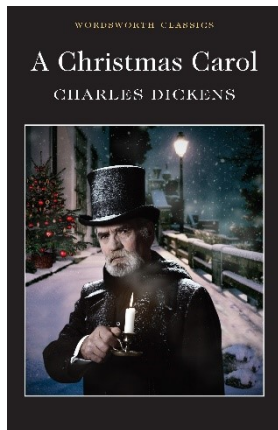
17.11.21 – Anti-Bullying week afternoon

19.11.21 – Year 5 Trip to Wild Place

2.12.21 – Book at Bedtime

17.12.21 – Christmas Learning Afternoon and last day of term.

Readers and Writers



This term, we will study the book 'A Christmas Carol', which was written by Charles Dickens, was first published in 1843. We will be focussing on character development and the change in thoughts, feelings and motives throughout the story.

We will continue to practise and develop our spelling, punctuation and grammar skills within our writing sessions.

Alongside this, children will learn key reading skills including skimming and scanning a text to find information, making inferences, as well as how to answer questions that require the retrieval of facts from a text.

Mathematicians



In this term, we will be solving problems with statistics. We will collect, represent, analyse and question sets of data. After this, children will create bar charts, pictograms, line graphs and time tables to support their data collection.

We will then move onto multiplication and division where we will multiply and divide by powers of ten and use related multiplication facts to solve problems.

Finally, we will calculate the area and perimeter of regular and compound shapes. We will use our multiplication facts to support this and reason with each other.

It is fundamental that your child continues to log into Times Tables Rockstars. Our leader board in the classroom is updated weekly.

Kindness in the Classroom

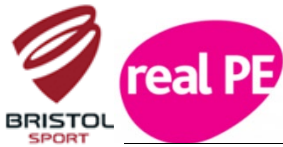


Our unit for Kindness in the Classroom is caring. We will learn how to care for themselves and for others. Children will learn a range of strategies for understanding and managing stress so they can care for themselves. Following this, we will learn how to identify ways they can care for others. We will also be thinking about empathy and how children can show compassion for others through empathy, by personally identifying with situations they observe or are part of.

Scientists

In the first half of the term, Year 5 will be studying the life cycles of living organisms. We will organise and sort between vertebrates and invertebrates, discuss and explain how vertebrates have different stages in the life cycle using scientific vocabulary and examine life cycles which have metamorphosis. The children will create their own creature (mythical) and write a scientific report about this using their knowledge from this unit.

In the second half of the term, we have a new unit to study called **Forces**. We will link this to being designers and explore mechanisms such as pulleys, levers and gears. We will recognise that these mechanisms allow a smaller force to have a greater effect. We will discuss and experiment with air and water resistance



For this term, we have a professional sports coach from Bristol Sports Foundation teaching Tag Rugby to our class every **Tuesday**.

Miss Dorse will be following our Real PE with us on a **Monday** afternoon. This term we will focus on creativity in changing tactics and skills.



We are continuing to use an individualised spelling programme across the school. Your children will have twenty spellings to learn every week as part of their homework and it is very important that they are supported to learn these before being tested on a Friday morning.



For homework, children have their weekly spelling list as outlined above. They will be set Timestable rockstars activities for them to access online at <https://play.trockstars.com/>

We have a new library which the children will use every week. Children are expected to read for 20 minutes every day. Please support your child in encouraging them to read daily. Reading diaries will be checked on a Friday.

If you have any questions at all, please contact myself through ClassDojo or at the door.

Yours Sincerely,

Miss Dorse