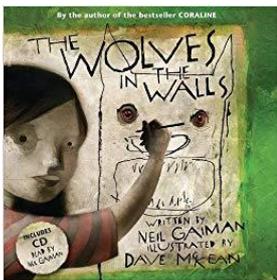


Curriculum Newsletter

Year 5 Term 1 2019/20

Welcome to 2019! We hope you all had a great break and have come back full of energy for the school year. We have all had a relaxing summer and are really excited to be back at school, with lots of amazing learning opportunities planned for the coming year.

Readers and Writers



This term, we will study the book 'The Wolves in the Walls' which was written by Neil Gaiman, who has written a variety of different genres of children's and young adult books.

We will go on to discuss the features of setting and character descriptions and narratives. 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



For this term our maths unit is place value. We will look at the value of numbers up to 1,000,000 including

comparing and ordering them, as well as rounding to the nearest 10, 100, 1000 and 10000. We will also continue to revise our multiplication facts and use these in our daily sessions to support our learning. As always, please support at home by practising these with your child.

If you type 'Topmarks Bingo' into Google you will get a link to a fun website with bingo games to play with your child, which will really help with their learning of the multiplication tables.

Scientists

In Science, the children will learn about weather and climate around the globe. We will study weather patterns in the United Kingdom and discuss the effects of global warming on recent weather patterns.



Geographers and Historians



This term we will learn about the water cycle and local rivers. The children will spend time building and studying their own water cycle. We will discuss the different paths that water takes and identify how our local area has modified the drainage of water over time.



For this term, we have a professional sports coach from Bristol Sports Foundation teaching PE to our class. The children will have PE every Thursday so please make sure they have their PE kit on that day. PE kits needs to be a white t-shirt, black shorts or jogging bottoms and a pair of trainers.



We have started to use an individualised spelling programme across the school. Your children will have ten 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 afternoon.



For homework, children have their weekly spelling list as outlined above. They will be set Mathletics activities for them to access online at mathletics.com
We have a new library which the children will use every week. Children are expected to read for 25 minutes every day. Please support your child by signing their reading diary every day.

Yours Sincerely,
Miss Dorse