

Curriculum Newsletter

Year 5 Term 2 2019/20

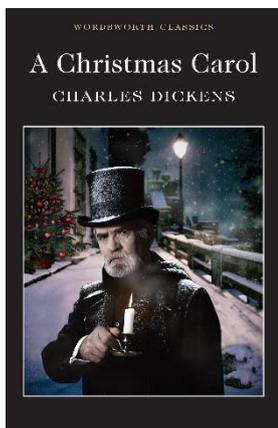
Welcome to Term 2! We hope you all had a great half term and have come back full of energy for this term. We are looking forward to all the amazing learning opportunities we have ready for this term.

Dates for the diary:

26.11.19 - Virtual Visit from the Roman Museum

27.11.19 - The Romans and Bristol - M Shed Educational trip

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



For this term our maths unit is the four operations. We will add and subtract numbers with more than 4 digits using the

formal written method. In addition, we will also be using decimal place numbers to add and subtract and using our rounding skills to check answers to our calculations.

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 'Maths frame Interactive Quiz' into Google you will get a link to a website with interactive quizzes for your child.

Scientists

In Science, the children will study the circulatory system and the pioneering work of William Harvey. We will identify the chambers in the heart, the properties within blood and the function of the liver and the spleen. Children will continue to use their working scientifically skills to answer and ask key questions.



Geographers and Historians



This term we will be travelling back to the Roman era and discussing the impact of Romans in Britain. We will identify and discuss significant

individuals within this time period. We will understand who lived when and where in Britain and the impact they had on others, locally, nationally and globally. For example; we will explore how and why the Romans did not invade Scotland. We will place dates in chronological order and use evidence from our learning to support this.



For this term, we have a professional sports coach from Bristol Sports Foundation teaching netball 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 week. Reading diaries will be checked on a Friday.

Yours Sincerely,
Miss Dorse