

Curriculum Newsletter

Year 5 Term 3 2019/20

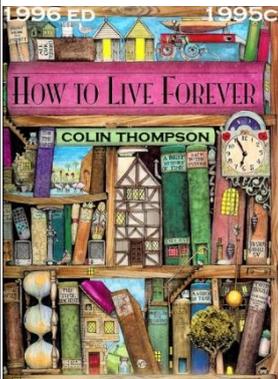
Welcome to Term 3! We hope you all had a great Winter break and have come back full of energy for this term. We are looking forward to all the amazing learning opportunities we have ready for this term.

Dates for the diary:

13/02/2020 - Science Workshop AM

14/02/2020 - Science Dome AM

Readers and Writers



This term, we will study the book 'How to Live Forever', which was written by Colin Thompson. We will be focussing on setting development, dialogue and character motive throughout the narrative.

We will continue to practise and develop our spelling, punctuation and grammar skills within our writing sessions with a key focus on expanding our vocabulary choices.

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 division and fractions. We will be looking at related facts and using the inverse

to support this. Alongside this, we will use our multiplication facts to divide 4 digits by 1-digit numbers using a given method. During fraction learning, we will add, subtract, compare, order and multiply fractions.

We will also continue to revise our multiplication and division facts and use these in our daily sessions to support our learning. As always, please support at home by practising these with your child.

Scientists

In Science, the children will study the respiratory system and the pioneering work of William Harvey. We will identify the functions of the lungs and make links with other systems in our body. Children will continue to use their working scientifically skills to answer and ask key questions.

We will also study Astronomy. The children will be looking at the sun as a source of energy, the nine planets, planetary motion, asteroids and stars. We will become experts in explaining how day and night on Earth are caused by the Earth's rotation and how an eclipse happens. In response, we will be making models of the solar system and writing an explanation text about life within our galaxy.



For this term, we have a professional sports coach from Bristol Sports Foundation teaching badminton 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,
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