

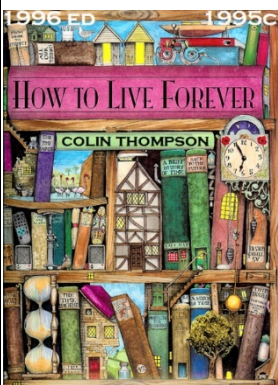
Curriculum Newsletter

Year 5 Term 1 2021/22

Welcome to Year 5! We are excited to be back at school, with lots of amazing learning opportunities planned for the coming year.

In Year 5, we have Miss Dorse, Miss Carruthers and Miss Hegenbarth working with us every day. Miss Forde will work with us once every two weeks. It is important your child brings in their **water bottle, reading diaries and books and a coat** every day! We will be using diamond power to keep ourselves organised and independent this term. Please continue to log in to ClassDojo where you will be able to see the amazing learning taking place in and outside of our classroom and receive updates from all of us!

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.

Kindness in the Classroom



Our unit for Kindness in the Classroom is **respect**. We will be thinking about what it means to treat things, people and places with respect and kindness. We will be reading some stories and looking at different scenarios and thinking about how we can act respectfully. Every week, one child will be awarded a certificate showing how they have used their Kindness in the Classroom skills.

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



WEATHER OR CLIMATE?

In Science, the children will study the circulatory and respiratory system looking at 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 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



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.

We will also take the time to study a local river and its properties. More details about this will follow shortly on ClassDojo.



For this term, we have a professional sports coach from Bristol Sports Foundation teaching dodgeball 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 teamwork strategies and communication to help develop ball strategies.



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.ttrockstars.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.

Important dates for Term 1

- 6.10.21 – Black History Month Learning Afternoon
- 14.10.21 – Marvin Rees (Mayor) Assembly
- 17.10.21 – Being Safe in School Assembly
- 17.10.21 – NSPCC PANTS Learning Afternoon
- 18.10.21 – Individual Photographs for Children
- 21.10.21 – INSET day (no school for children)
- 22.10.21 – INSET day (no school for children)

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

Yours Sincerely,

Miss Dorse