

# Curriculum Newsletter

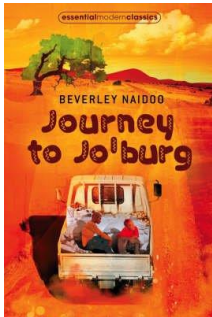
## Year 5 Term 4 2021/22

Welcome to Term 4! 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:

3/3/22 – World Book Day – dress as your favourite character  
 8/3/22 – International Woman's Day Afternoon  
 14/3/22 – Big Maths Afternoon  
 16/3/22 – INSET day  
 17/3/22 – Year 5 drop in session (8:30 – 9:00) come in and see your child's learning.  
 25/3/22 – IntoUniversity Trip (morning only)  
 29/3/22 – 30/3/22 – Parents evening  
 31/3/22 – Book at Bedtime  
 1/4/22 – International Autism Day Assembly  
 1/4/22 – Ramadan Learning Afternoon  
 8/4/22 – Y5 trip to We the Curious (all day)

### Readers and Writers



This term, we will study the book 'Journey to Jo'burg', which was written by Beverley Naidoo. We will be focussing on developing atmosphere, setting and character descriptions to contribute to our narratives.

We will continue to practise and develop our spelling, punctuation and grammar skills within our writing sessions with a key focus on expanding our punctuation choices by using parenthesis, relative and embedded clause with dashes for afterthought.

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 fractions, decimals and percentages. We will be looking at the relationship between these and using our knowledge of

calculation and place value to convert easy between these. Alongside this, we will continue to practice our 4 operation skills with daily application.

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.

Encourage your child to log in to TTrackstars as much as possible. As noted last term, a solid grounding in basic number skills really supports you child with the knowledge of all mathematical skills.

### We are 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.



### We are citizens (Jigsaw)

This term we will be looking at the unit Healthy me. We are going to be explaining different roles that food and substances can play in people's lives. We will also look at eating disorders relating to body image pressures and how smoking and alcohol misuse is unhealthy. We will summarise different ways that we respect and value our bodies.

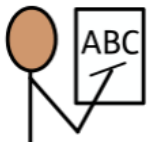


### Kindness in the Classroom

This term, we will be focusing on integrity. They will see real-life stories of integrity in action and get an opportunity to role-play stories about integrity and honesty. Children will also learn about having a growth mindset and how to set SMART goals. The sub-concept in this unit is perseverance, and students will learn how to persevere through challenging situations, maintaining their integrity.



For this term, we will have PE on a **Monday** and a **Tuesday**. On a Monday, we will be having Real PE focusing on the social cog using team skills associated with this. On a Tuesday, we will have Bristol Sport for Basketball.



We will be continuing with spellings this term moving forwards with the year 5/6 spelling rules. Your child will bring home spellings to practise and be retested for the following week. This will happen every Friday morning.



For homework, children have their weekly spelling list as outlined above. They will be set times table rockstar activities for them to access online. Children will continue to visit the library weekly to change books. Children are expected to read for 25 minutes every day. Please support your child by signing their bookmark every week. Reading diaries will be checked on a Friday. If you would like anything additional for your child, please ask!

We will still be using ClassDojo to celebrate our Year 5 learning so if you have any questions, please message us.

Yours Sincerely,  
Miss Dorse, Miss Carruthers and Miss Hegenbarth.