

YEAR 5 – AUTUMN TERM 2023

May we take this opportunity to welcome you and your child to Year 5, where we look forward to a rewarding and beneficial working relationship. Year 5 is going to be a very busy year and we hope that it will be an enriching year for your child. In our structured lessons, we will challenge your child to develop their independent thinking and learning. Above all, we hope to engage the children with a range of enjoyable exciting experiences.

All the best,

Mr Frost, Miss Wakeling and Miss Parker

KEY INFORMATION

- Please ensure all hair is tied up, nails are clear of varnish and school uniform is labelled clearly.
- Backpacks are not required in school. Children should bring their reading book, planner and homework to school in a Launde book bag.
- Children do not need to bring any of their personal belongings to school as all necessary equipment will be provided for them.

STUDY PLANNERS

Each child in Year 5 is given a study planner which is to be kept in their book bag. This is a tool to help them to become more independently organised. In it, they will record homework, their own reading and important dates.

Each week they will also bring home their weekly spellings in these planners. There is also space for you to add a note for us should you wish to. Children will be rewarded should they have three parent/carer signatures per week to signify that they have read with an adult on those occasions. This helps to promote the importance of reading to the children.

HOMEWORK

As well as the weekly spellings, the children will receive maths and class homework. We also strongly encourage the children to know their times tables fluently as they will be tested on these weekly.



PE - Team games

Children will participate in sport sessions ran by the Leicester City Football Club coaches. They will be completing a sequence of indoor PE lessons focusing on gymnastics. After October half term, two of the Year 5 classes will be begin swimming lessons. Parents will be informed closer to the time.

Children are expected to wear their PE kits on our PE days of Wednesday and Thursday.



GEOGRAPHY

This term children will locate and study North America. They will be studying the physical and human content of this area, comparing it with the United Kingdom. We will find out where North America is in the world and discover more about the countries that make up the continent.

ENGLISH

We will be using a range of texts to study the following topics:
Superheroes

Children will discuss, explore and create a range of superheroes. They will produce character descriptions, poetry, as well as a newspaper report.

Voices in the Park by Anthony Browne

Children are introduced to imagery through this picture story book. They will also complete various writing tasks based on their interpretation of the story.

Story Openings

Children will explore a range of ways to create an exciting and engaging story opening based on a range of different sources. They will develop the ability to create atmosphere and tension in line with different genres.

READING

Reading books will be taken home. Please read with your child as much as you can.

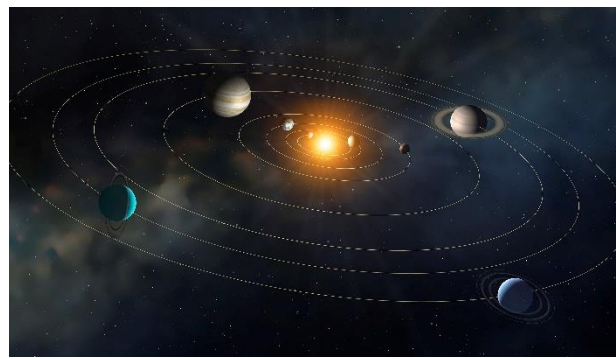
Reading Eggs will be set for homework. We encourage children to continue to read at home. Parents are encouraged to question their child's understanding of the text so their comprehension skills improve.

Guided reading will be completed weekly in school.

MATHS

Everyday children will practise and continue to develop oral and mental skills including counting, table facts and rapid recall of number bonds. They will cover the following topics:

- Place value, ordering, rounding
- Understanding \times and \div , including mental calculation strategies, pencil and paper procedures, money and “real life” problems, making decisions
- Fractions, decimals and percentages, ratio and proportion
- Shape and space, reasoning about shapes, measures, including problems
- Understanding $+$ and $-$, including mental and pencil and paper procedures
- Properties of numbers and number sequences, reasoning about numbers
- Time and timetables.



SPANISH

Children will be exploring how to communicate their name, school objects and subjects, as well as being introduced to time.

TOPIC TALKS

In this term, the children will be given a home-learning project where they must research a given famous individual and deliver a five-minute presentation to the class about that person.

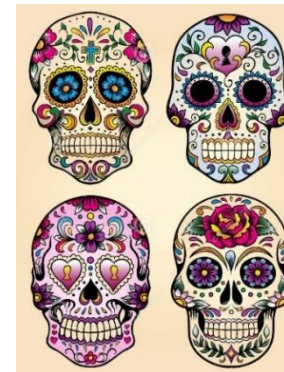
SCIENCE

Space

Within this topic, the children will gain an understanding of the Earth and the other planets in our solar system. They will also be exploring the changes in seasons and how the Earth's orbit effects these. The National Space Centre to coincide with our space topic.

Forces

After half term we will then be investigating how a variety of different forces impact our lives. We will learn about forces such as gravity, air resistance and friction and test how these can be influences under test conditions.



R.E

What does it mean to be a Muslim in Britain today? In this topic, the children will build on their previous work and study Islamic beliefs in greater depth. We will discuss the importance of the Mosque and how Muslims worship there. We will learn about the importance of fasting to the Muslim community and about the different celebrations at the end of Ramadan.

HISTORY

Children will investigate crime and punishment across the ages, using a range of primary and secondary sources, as well as comparing crime and punishment of the past with today's laws.

COMPUTING

Throughout this term, Year 5 children will be given the opportunity to learn about two key areas of computing:

Computing Systems and Networks – Learning about various inputs, outputs and how computer systems communicate with each other.

Creating Media – Learning how to use devices and software to create videos to present information about a chosen topic.

We will also be covering eSafety and how to stay safe online.

ART

During art lessons, the children will explore the work of artists and a skill they have used. They will use various mediums to produce pieces of work based on what they have studied. They will cover the following topics:

- **Sketching Self Portraits** (Van Gogh & Frida Kahlo)
- **Haunted house silhouettes**
- **Day of the Dead masks** (Jose Guadalupe Posada)