

Class 5 Curriculum Update

Friday 11th September 2020

Monthly values – Care and Awareness



'We're not lost, we're just exploring!'

Welcome to Year 5! I hope you are all keeping well at the present time. It has been great to have a full class of children again and see them all settle in so well. You can be proud of how the children have all adapted really well in following the new rules and procedures at school. I am looking forward to a very enjoyable and productive year ahead.

The children have all had their input into deciding the themes for this year. Our first theme is called 'We're not lost, we're just exploring!' In this theme, the children hope to look at exploring different types of environments and locations. We are also going to be using this to challenge our ways of thinking and recognising that all opportunities, no matter if they lead in the intended path or not, are all good learning opportunities. We can see that mistakes, or errors, can be an equally useful and important method of learning. We are hoping to use Forest School regularly and also visit Longtown, in order to provide chances to explore using new outdoor skills and also to discover some new things about themselves. We will be exploring many local features and places of interest. If anybody has any 'exploring' skills, stories or connections then please get in touch!

Timetable

As you will probably already know, Forest School will be every Tuesday and P.E. on Mondays and Fridays. Please come to school in appropriate clothes for that day. In addition, every Wednesday we are fortunate to be learning Samba with Encore Music practitioners, on Thursdays we will be doing a musical theatre workshop with Jack Ludwig and on Fridays we will be learning basic French with Mrs Blaker. This goes alongside our core subject work every day, in order to provide a varied and wide ranged curriculum.



Homework

Homework for this term will be focused upon continuing using Spelling Shed and TTRockstars. A new list of spelling words will be given to your child each week to practise and learn. This list will appear as an assignment on your child's Spelling Shed page. If you prefer, you can practise using paper and pens in any way that works for your child. They all find different techniques work for them so I have given a 'Spellings menu' to each child to give ideas for how to practise. Please encourage your child to practise as they will then quiz each other on this later in the week. Your child was due to take a National Test at the end of Year 4 in connection to times tables. Whilst this did not take place, it is not yet clear whether it will happen at some point in the future or not. Either way, times tables are used in so many strands of mathematics that they are essential to developing your child's maths skills. Please keep up with regular practise.

Longtown

Year 5 have a great curriculum visit to Longtown planned on Tuesday 15th September. Please refer to the ParentMail for more details but I would like to highlight the returning time of 4:30pm. It promises to be an excellent day for the children and one which will give us plenty of ideas and inspiration for work about our exploring theme when back at school.

Please feel free to speak to me (via phone or email) if you have any worries or concerns regarding your child, whether it is to do with at school or at home.
From Mr Ford, Mr Batstone and the Year 5 Team.

40 reads

Please prioritise reading for **10-15 minutes a day** because it helps not only your child's reading ability but also helps their spellings, vocabulary and writing ability. The more enjoyable you can make it, the more they are likely to want to read for themselves so please help your child to read something they are interested in. We will be checking your child's diary on a Friday morning so please make sure every read is signed for. We are asking that diary's are brought in every day so that children can develop their independence and responsibility by getting used to using it like a diary and adding important details in as they become relevant. Thank you.

Marvellous Me

Marvellous Me is an opportunity for the children to share some special items from home. This opportunity encourages the children to develop: listening skills, questioning skills, confidence and trust amongst their peers. As a school, we know this is something that the children really value therefore we endeavour to continue to allow this to take place this year with new safety measures and precautions in place. To ensure that there is no cross contamination between home and school, only the box will come home. The child should then fill the box with their special things and return it to school with a plastic bag. After sharing their special things, the child will then put them into their plastic bag and take them straight home. The box will then be cleaned and wiped and quarantined for at least 72 hours before going home with another child. Within the classroom, the child will not be able pass around their special items only show them to their friends.