

Class 5 Curriculum Update

Friday 17th September 2021

Monthly values – ‘Inspiration’ and ‘Excellence’



'Come Fly With Me! America'

Welcome to Year 5! The sun is currently shining and I hope you make the most of it whilst it lasts! I hope you are all well at the moment and starting to get back into routines with school life again. We have now been back at school for 2 weeks and made a good start to the new challenges and activities for this year.

The first theme for our class is called "Come Fly With Me! America" and involves learning all about North and Central America. We have already made a start with looking at the world and finding some major cities and landmarks. The rest of the half-term will develop our understanding of some of the physical and human features and values of North America, and how they compare with ours. Do you have any contacts or knowledge of North and Central America yourself that you could share with your child and the class? We would love to hear about any trips, holidays, family members etc. that would help with our learning and understanding.

In addition to our theme, we are fortunate enough to have several other opportunities this year. Every Thursday morning we have a session with Encore music and this term we are learning the flute! Already the children can assemble a flute and get a note out of it – which from trying myself is not as easy as it sounds! On Wednesday's we have a rugby coach from Luctonians to teach some general fitness activities and also some specific tag rugby skills. On Friday's we have Mr Richards, to oversee some construction activities, and Mrs Blaker to teach French. Forest School with Mr Batstone will continue every Tuesday afternoon. Thank you for already getting into the routine with P.E. kits, Forest School clothes and packed lunches. It is much appreciated.

I look forward to getting to know you all a bit better as the year progresses, and will try my best to give your child an enjoyable and educational year ahead. Best wishes, Mr Ford



Diary and homework

Every child now has their own diary for the year. If you have not had a child in Year 5 or 6 before, then this acts as their reading record amongst other things. We will also include other important dates or reminders in their diaries as we start to develop their own responsibilities. Please ensure your child brings their diary to school every day so that we can add things in but also use the various resources inside. Thank you.

Current homework for each week will be:

Practising times tables on TTRockstars

Practising a weekly spellings list given out on Monday (starting next week)

Reading every day (please try to hear your child read every week so they have the opportunity to ask questions and discuss new vocabulary in their texts).



Date for your diary

Year 5 will be going to Longtown for the day on 18th October for some team building activities. We will send out more details nearer the time but it is always a very productive day as it provides lots of opportunities for the children to challenge themselves and try things out they didn't know they were capable of.



Drama Geezers

We had a fantastic morning with 'Drama Geezers' last week, resulting in the creation of a whole school story with a chapter made by each class. Whilst the children had great fun coming up with their own ideas and acting them out together, it also provided a great stimulus for their own writing afterwards. They were all very keen to write and tell the story in their own words. We hope to use some of these techniques again later in the year.

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.