

Class 5 Curriculum Update

Monday 4th November 2019

Monthly values – Fairness and Understanding



'Touching the Void'

What a busy and fantastic first half-term it has been! We are well and truly into the year now and everyone has settled down well, producing some great work. Thank you for everyone for coming to parents evening before the half-term break. It was great to meet so many parents and be able to share what the children have already made progress with. This followed on from our class assembly last week, where the children really impressed with how they shared their learning in this theme so far. We have lots more interesting and exciting activities planned for after half term so stay tuned for more details!

Being able to take the children caving was a fantastic way to experience a 'safe' extreme sport, that provided many opportunities to reflect and build upon back in the classroom. The children have produced two very good pieces of writing from the experience, whilst also allowing them to deepen their understanding of why some people like to challenge themselves and put themselves in 'extreme' situations. In our maths work, we have been focusing on understanding place value and how different values are related to each other. We have also practised being confident with rounding any 6-digit number to the nearest 10, 100, 1000, 10000 and 100000. Keep practising at home!





Homework

Every child should be regularly accessing Spellingshed and TTRockstars to practise online. There will be specific 'assignments' and 'battles' to work on.

In addition, every child should have a double page of spelling practise ideas in their reading diary. These are for the child to pick and choose what they are happy to practise with and in a way that works for them.

We will start to increase the frequency of additional maths homework, in addition to the other occasional theme projects. Any theme tasks will always be given out with plenty of advance warning.

40 Reads

We have had our first few children reach their '40 reads' already. Please keep encouraging your child to read whenever possible. It really does help, not only with their reading, but also with their spellings and grammar. Remember to record in reading diaries so the children can get their rewards. Thank you.

Please feel free to come in and speak to me (or by 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.

Fridays!

On Friday mornings, the class is split into three groups – a drama group, an art group and a Forest School group. Every child does two of these in the morning. The following week they do the third activity and then start the rotation again. Always check in the Reading Diaries as I remind the children on Thursday as to which group they are in and if they need Forest School clothes. Thank you.

In the afternoons, one group goes to Dulas Court and the other goes to Blackmarston School. Both groups have done some excellent work recently with the residents and children respectively. This occasionally changes due to Young Voices practise sessions and other activities going on around school. However, this is the usual plan. Your child should know which group they are in.

