

Class 5 Curriculum Update

Values for September – Unity and Friendship

Friday 6th September 2019



'Touching the Void'

Welcome to Year 5! I hope everyone has had a good week and you are all starting to settle into school routines. In class we have started our theme for this term with various activities and team tasks to help me get to know the children and to ease them into work after the summer holidays. It's been a very positive start to the year. I'm sure we will have a memorable year ahead.

Our theme, 'Touching the Void', is all to do with extreme and dangerous sports. We will be looking at the adrenaline rush people get from these sports as well as the moral dilemmas about if it is ever worth the risk of getting injured, or worse, in order to seek these thrills. This week we have looked at the Rugby World Cup which is happening in a couple of weeks. The class have found where all the countries that are competing are from in the world and created Top Trump style cards about them. Some children have even been learning to perform the New Zealand haka!





Homework

The main focus for homework is practising spellings and maths skills. You should all have access to Spellingshed and TTRockstars from in Year 4 and your details should not have changed. These are both great practise but you should feel free to practise in any way that your child enjoys. I will be sending a list of other practical ways to practise spellings. Whatever practise works for your child is the best way to go.

In due course we will also be sending home some maths work to complete every week to help practise key skills. We do also send some other projects and activities home throughout the year, related to our themes, but these will have plenty of time to complete.

40 Reads

The other continued focus is to keep supporting your child to read regularly. Regular reading helps expand their vocabulary and helps with not only their reading comprehension but also their grammar and writing as well. Reading does not have to be just long novels. Football reports, film reviews, TV guides etc. are all relevant and good to share with your child.

Meet the Teacher

I look forward to meeting and getting to know you all, starting on Tuesday 10th September at 3.45. We have parents' evenings on the 15th and 17th October where I will be able to give you a better idea of their progress so far. However, please feel free to come and see me anytime to discuss any concerns or worries.

Extreme sports

On Monday 23rd September we are hoping to go caving as part of theme work on extreme sports. This will be done with trained instructors from Longtown. It will hopefully give the children a great experience that will stimulate and support their learning. More details to follow next week.

Do you, or anyone you know, take part in any extreme or unusual sports? If so, then we would love to hear about your experiences if you would be willing to share anything with the class. Please let me know if you could help with this.

Extreme reading challenge

The children have all been set the challenge of finding an unusual or different place to read their books in! We would like to make a display in class of all the weird and wonderful places you can read in. If possible, please could you send a photo to school of your child reading somewhere unusual. Don't go too extreme – keep safe! Thank you.

P.E.

We have P.E. on a Tuesday morning and also with a coach from Luctonians rugby club on a Thursday afternoon. This is to help learn and practise Tag-Rugby. In bad weather we will not do it but otherwise please ensure your child has suitable clothes for indoors and outdoors. It is fine for P.E. kits to stay in school until half-term when they can go home for a wash.

Please feel free to come in and speak to me 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.