

Year 5 Autumn Term 1 Newsletter

Must bring to school:

- Literacy folders
- Reading records
- School bags
- Please come to school wearing your PE Kit **on Monday and Thursday**

Literacy Folders and Reading

Records will be given out over the next week.

Topic

SAME but DIFFERENT

Traits

Perseverance, Celebrating Differences, Self-Regulation, Positive Relationships, Healthy Mind, Social Responsibility, Understanding Others

Homework

- Reading (At least 3 times a week at home with an adult)
- TTRockstars (15 sessions per week)
- Spellzone (set on Mondays for Friday test)

Important dates

- 19 September—London Fire Brigade Workshop
- 21-25 Oct—RE Week (to include International Day)
- 22 October — Class Trip to Gurdwara

If you have any questions, please ask Courtney (Albert) or Lucia (Battersea) via ClassDojo

Children need to be in school at 8:30am each morning! Between 8.30-8.45am we do early morning work which includes key skills and helps settle children so they are ready for our first lesson at 8.45am.

Personal, Social, Character Development

The traits that we will be focusing on this term are perseverance, celebrating differences, self-regulation, positive Relationships, healthy mind, social responsibility and understanding others

History, Geography & Social Understanding

We will be looking at maps for identifying lines of longitude and latitude. We will also learn about hemispheres and climate zones. Our learning will be linked to our PSCD traits celebrating differences and understanding others. In addition we will be learning about our family trees and making timelines. In Spanish we will be focusing on vocabulary and grammar to do with 'All about me'. Finally our focus religion is Sikhism.

Science and Technological Understanding

Our focus for science this term will be on 'Animals including humans'. We will be exploring gestation periods, how the body develops from the pre-natal period to childhood, adolescence and old age.

This will include a lesson on puberty where we discuss changes that happen to children's bodies and we will have a session where the boys and girls will be separate. As many of the children are going through puberty in Y5, please support them to understand the importance of hygiene as we will be doing at school.

Understanding the Arts

We will be exploring creating a multimedia presentation which highlights our understanding of the Sikh religion. We will also be creating self-portraits using the medium of charcoal which show our knowledge of blending and shading



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Computing

In computing this term we will be focusing on online systems and specifically on how to use search functions. As with last year we are following the Teach Computing scheme. We will frequently be using Chromebooks

Understanding English, Communication & Language

For this term, we will be looking at a range of writing genres. We will be starting off with persuasive letters and biographies before writing a recount and some poetry. Our key text this term is The Colour of Home by Mary Hoffman and Karen Littlewood.

Spellings are set weekly on Spellzone and children will be practising their handwriting and having grammar sessions weekly. The key focus is for them to construct interesting and well punctuated sentences.

Mathematical Understanding

We continue to follow the White Rose scheme for maths and this term the key focus is securing the children's understanding of place value, using increasingly large numbers. We then move on to addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

As always, their mental maths is so important so it is crucial they are practising their times tables daily and making regular use of TT rockstars both in school and at home.

Understanding Physical Health

PE this term will be focusing on cricket with a specialist coach from Surrey and Fundamental Movement Skills. P.E. will take place Monday and Thursday afternoons. Please wash PE kits weekly.