

Year 5 Spring curriculum newsletter 2022



Reading	We will focus on comprehension skills in the Spring with a particular push on inference, deduction and summarising skills in addition to using evidence from the text to support our explanations.
Writing	Our first unit will be poetry with a focus on journeys and description techniques. We'll then move on to our Talk 4 Writing fiction unit of journey stories with a focus on emotive diary writing. Our term will end with our Talk 4 Writing non-fiction unit of information texts using our geography topic of North America.
Spelling and handwriting	There will be a different spelling pattern to learn each week in addition to our statutory Y5/6 vocabulary. These will include; ibly/ably suffix, homophones, apostrophes for plural possession and rare GPCs. In our handwriting we will be refining our joined style ensuring our diagonal joins are correct and letters are well formed with a consistent size.
Grammar	We will revise learning from the autumn term but will mainly focus on parenthesis and expanded noun phrases.
Maths	Multiplication and division will be the focus for a number of weeks this term. We will focus on efficient formal written methods. Following this, we will move onto fractions. This is a large unit of work covering aspects such as; comparing, ordering and adding fractions.
Science	Earth and Space is our unit of work for science this term. We focus on the planets, the Sun, the Moon, night and day and historical perceptions of Earth and Space.
PSHE	PSHE focuses on the wider world this term. We look at environmental issues, the part we play in our communities and the long term impact.
History/ Geography	We will be learning about North America in this unit of work. It will span across both terms with a geographical focus. This half term we look at the continent itself, climate zones, biomes and both natural and man made features found across the continent.
Art	This term's art focus is pop art. We look at how the style became popular, a few key artists and we try to emulate their style in creating our very own piece of pop art.
PE	This term we will be swimming with the aim of achieving our 25m award using a variety of strokes in addition to life saving skills and water safety. We will also take part in gymnastics sessions with a focus on counter tension and counter balance.

Important information and notices



Dear Parents/Carers,

The autumn has absolutely flown and we are now back to school following the Christmas break. I hope you had some fun and restful times with family and friends. As always, we have a busy term coming with new routines and expectations to get used to but I know your children will continue to settle to these changes and enjoy the next term.

A few reminders:

Practising the weekly spelling using a variety of techniques and revising the spelling patterns will help not only to perform in the test but apply this to written work too.

Keep reading every night - if possible - it is vitally important. Read both your colour banded books and 'reading for pleasure' books from the library or home. Go onto Active Learn 'Bug Club' online to read colour banded books and complete tasks related to them.

Homework will be set every week: Monday-Monday. This will be set via Deepening Understanding Discover or Classroom Secrets Kids via Google Classroom. There will be no need to hand in a homework book each week as work will be marked online.

We will continue to use Google Classroom and class emails for lots of different things so make sure children are equipped to log on, find tasks and upload their work.

It is essential that Y5 children know all of the multiplication and division facts up to 12 x 12. Keep working hard on Times Table Rockstars, hit the button and any other sites that support quick recall of times table and division facts.

We are swimming through the first part of the spring term so will need swimwear and towels each Tuesday.

We will continue with PE on Friday, so children will need to come to school in PE kit on this day.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me via email at class5@thorngrove.stockport.sch.uk and I will be able to respond accordingly.

Thank you for your support.
Miss C Brierley