

Spring 1 Newsletter



Welcome back, we hope you all had a fantastic Christmas break. We can't believe we are already in term two! Where has the time gone? With another busy term ahead we hope you continue to support us in educating your children.

Our topic this term will be based around Anglo Saxons. We will look at time lines, heritage and the impact on society.

English

This term in English we will be looking at play scripts and older literature. Children will learn about features of play scripts, casting, character descriptions and lots more. We will continue to focus on the basic skills of spelling, punctuation and grammar. Please can you ensure your child learns their spellings that come home with them weekly.

Unfortunately last term we had a slip in reading, this term we will be running a reading competition so please encourage your child to read and share their books with you.

Maths

In maths we will be looking at space, shape and measure, decimals as fractions and money. We will continue to revise the four calculations of addition, subtraction, division and multiplication. Basic skills will continue every Monday. Please help your child learn their times tables. These form a base for most maths units.

Science

The new topic in science will be forces. We hope to link this with design and technology to make our own push and pull gadgets. The children will learn a range of new vocabulary as well as facts about gravity, force and direction, floating and friction.



History

This term we will be studying Anglo Saxons. This will include the Anglo Saxon period, Settlements, Kings that ruled and how they lived, worked and survived. Children will look at timelines and we hope to have a wow day related to the topic.

PE

This term we will be focusing on outdoor education, team building, problem solving and orienteering.

RE

In RE Spring 1, Year 5 will be learning about what it means to be Sikh. We will focus particularly on sharing and being generous. We will learn about the 5Ks, the Sikh festival of Baisakhi and explore the concept of Sikh Langar. Year 5 will also be visiting the Sikh place of worship- Smethwick's Guru Nanak Gurdwara to further their knowledge and understanding of this faith.

Paths

The children will be focusing on self-esteem, goals and identity. We will look at how to achieve the goals we set, making plans and overcoming obstacles. We will continue to look at making the right choices and treating people with respect.

Trip

This term we hope to take the children on a trip so please keep an eye on the website for more details.

Unwanted Books

We like to encourage the children to recycle, therefore, if you have any old books that your child has read and does not want any more, then we would really appreciate them at Hollywood. As this is only a request from year 5 the books would need to be suitable to our age group.

Thanks for all your support

Year 5 Team

