

Other Subjects

History, Geography and Art

This term we will be beginning our new topic 'Mayan Civilisation'.

The other topics we will be covering this year are:

- Rainforests (Autumn 2)
- Gambia (Spring 1)
- Anglo-Saxons and Vikings (Spring 2/Summer 1)
- Scotland (Summer 2)

Throughout these topics we are planning a range of exciting trips. We will keep you informed throughout the year.

Science

This term we will be starting our topic about the Earth and Space. We are planning a visit to the 'Thinktank' in Birmingham, where we will visit a planetarium and receive a taught session about the 'Earth and Beyond.'

Our other Science topics this year will be:

- Living things and their habitat (Autumn 2)
- Properties and changes of materials (Spring)
- Animals including Humans (Summer)

During the Summer Term, the children will be learning about Puberty. Girls and Boys will be taught separately, the boys will also have a male teacher.

Other

The children will be attending Forest Schools during Spring Term. You will receive additional information, closer to the time.

This term in Music, a specialist teacher from DPA, Mr Colley, will be teaching Singing in Year 5, once a week. 5J are currently receiving these lessons and class 5C will receive them after half term.

In RE, we will be learning about places of worship and we will explore Christianity, Hinduism, Islam and Buddhism.

Each week, during PPA on a Wednesday, your child will be taught by Mrs Barfoot or Mr Hanson, a PE coach.

Other Information!

Homework

This year your child will complete their homework in a homework book. All homework should be completed in pencil, to a high standard. Homework will always be set on Friday and it will alternate between English and Maths. Homework is due in for the following Wednesday. Children who haven't completed homework will be asked to complete it during a lunch time or golden time. As soon as it is completed, they will enjoy the remainder of their free time.

Spellings

The children will be given spellings to learn every Friday and they will have one week to learn them. The spelling tests will be completed in the home school planners on the following Friday.

P.E. Kits

Please make sure children have full PE kits in school on PE days, which will be on a **Wednesday** during Autumn Term. It would be a good idea to send warm, outdoor P.E kit over the following months as we will be doing PE outside.

We will also be completing the Daily Mile on the playground each day, weather permitting.

If you have any questions, please come and see us. After school is the best time as we have more time available!

Year 5 Autumn Term

Mrs Cashmore and Mrs Jones



Information for parents.

www.netherbrook.dudley.sch.uk

Introduction

Welcome to Year 5. We would like to inform you of the key learning opportunities that your child will be participating in throughout the Autumn Term and to give you an overview of the year ahead. The children are working very hard and have settled in well.

The staff in Year 5 this year will be:

Mrs Jones (5J) and Mrs Cashmore (5C). Mrs Lail will also teach a Maths set. Mrs Barfoot and Mr Hanson will teach some PE lessons.

Literacy

This term in Literacy, we will be focussing on sentence structure, grammar and punctuation. There will also be a big emphasis on improving spelling and handwriting. Each week your child will practise their spelling and handwriting. We will also be reading stories by Michael Morpurgo including Kensuke's Kingdom. Alongside improving our writing, we will focus on developing our reading skills exploring writers' language choices, viewpoint and the overall structure of texts.

We will cover a range of genres throughout the year, including:

- Poetry-classic, narrative and performance
- Film narrative
- Journalistic Writing
- Biographies and Auto-biographies
- Persuasive Writing

Please read with your child

regularly at home – even if they are able readers, as they need to be discussing the language used within the text. We would like this recorded in your child's planner please. The children will be given a book to read from school suited to their ability. Some children will be made free readers, meaning that they can choose any book to read.



Maths

Introduction

For Maths, we have 3 groups. There will be careful differentiation in each group, to cater for the needs of each individual pupil.

Mental Maths

This term we will be focussing on improving our overall mental maths and written skills. We will be working on developing our understanding of calculation so that we are able to quickly recall our times tables, number bonds to 100 and inverse operations. We will also be extending and consolidating our knowledge of place value. Your child has been re-introduced to Mathletics, an online programme, to improve mental maths skills. The children will be given their own log on soon, so they can also practise at home.

Every day, we will spend an extra 15 minutes to practise and learn our times tables. We would appreciate it, if you could help your child to practise these at home.

In Maths, during Autumn, we will covering Number and place value, Addition, subtraction, multiplication, division and statistics.

In Spring, we will look at Fractions, decimals and percentages.

During the Summer term, we will cover Geometry, measurements, Prime numbers, Perimeter and Area.

You can help at home by:

*Exploring real life maths e.g. when shopping adding up prices, exploring percentages, using money rather than paying on card.

*Using the following website: www.topmarks.co.uk

I'm enjoying using my new Learning Journey.

I'm working hard to improve my handwriting and spelling!

I have set my own goals!

I'm learning all of my times tables!

