

YEAR 5 NEWSLETTER



TERM 1

Our 'Connected Learning' big question for the term is: 'Does Mother Nature provide all we need in a modern world?'

Topic has now changed to 'Connected Learning' whereby Science, Geography and History are all interconnected in learning. Each term there will be a Big Question that we aim for children to be able to answer by the end of the term. Our Big Question this term is based around the idea of survival and what humans need in order to survive.

In English we are reading Kensuke's Kingdom which also links to the survival theme. We will be focussing on inference and deduction skills and describing setting and character emotions in detail.

In Geography based lessons we will be using atlases to discover where different countries are in the world and to learn more about their culture, landscapes and wildlife.

We are all looking forward to working with your children this year.

Please don't hesitate to speak to us should you have any questions.

Miss Hymers and
Miss Bailey

James 5:7-8 Be patient, then, brothers and sisters, until the Lord's coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop, patiently waiting for the autumn and spring rains. You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near.

In Maths we will be focusing on place value, the four main operations and key skills. We will be introducing a times table challenge where children will complete a short test each week to prove they can recall their times tables out of order as well as the inverse. We will continue the Learn Its and CLIC Challenges on Fridays.

Our Science topic is Materials and their Properties. We will be using our knowledge of solids, liquids and gases to decide how mixtures might be separated, including through filtering, sieving and evaporating.

In R.E the focus for learning will be Christianity, in particular, parables Jesus taught. Children will study authority and morals through religious stories.

Please ensure your child has a named water bottle (separate to lunch water bottle) for use in class, at break & during P.E.

Please ensure children always have a PE kit in school as PE days are flexible to change.

Home Learning

Did you know that if children read for 40 minutes a day, they learn over 2 million words in a year?! We will be focusing on reading for purpose and reading for pleasure and we want our children to be motivated to read and talk about what they have read so please see our letter regarding our new Ultimate Reading Challenge!

Children's books will not be changed unless it has been signed off by a parent/carer. Homework will be different as of this year. Children are expected to read for 15-20 minutes daily, practise weekly spellings and practise all times tables up to 12x12 on a daily basis. They will also be given a termly home learning project to complete. The first project is due on Monday 30th October.